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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND

HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1924,
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH YEAR

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THE GRAND

HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

1795-1924.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 6, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was held this evening.

PRESENT:

Comp.	JOHN M. CORE, . . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	GEORGE P. DARROW, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND, .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON, .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	GEORGE W. WELLBURN, .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	HARRY M. McDONALD, .	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, .	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	ROBERT A. WALKER, . .	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ELMER C. WATT, . . .	*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
"	FREDERICK P. GLASSER,	as *Grand Master of Second Vail.*
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP, . .	*Grand Master of First Vail.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . .	*Grand Marshal.*
"	GEORGE B. HANNUM, . .	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, . .	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	HAYES H. DUNCAN, . .	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . .	*Grand Tyler.*

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., DAVID J. DAVIS and JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

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District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. WEAVER, CHARLES H. TILTON, FRANK C. YINGST, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ROY C. STORMER, JAMES H. REEDER, JOHN P. ANDERSON, THOMAS N. MCKEE, GEORGE W. RODGERS, JAMES W. MYERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS, PETER BARKEY and HARVEY F. PEIFLY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" DAVID J. DAVIS, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" JOHN M. CORE, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JAMES H. REEDER, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" PETER BARKEY, of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
" WILLIAM F. SHAY, of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters:—3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 174, 175, 177, 179, 181, 182, 183, 185, 190, 195, 196, 199, 201, 203, 208, 209, 215, 216, 217, 218, 220, 222, 223, 226, 230, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 240, 241, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 259, 262, 263, 264, 266, 270, 271, 274, 276, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 297, 299, 302, 305, 306, 307, 308, 310. (72 Chapters represented.) (39 visitors from Pennsylvania and 1 from New York.)

R. E. Companion HARRY M. RICE, Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, honored Grand Chapter with his presence.

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Annual Grand Communication, held on Thursday, December 27, 1923, were read and approved.

Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest addressed Grand Chapter. Among other things he said:

"There has been printed and distributed a new Form for Recording Minutes which has been prepared with a great deal of care. The Constitution we hope to have printed within a very short time. There is an index and forms to be prepared which will take time, and we cannot announce when they will be ready. This is no reflection on the Committee on Printing and Publishing. Companion Wagner and his Committee have been doing all in their power to help in this work.

I expect the Secretaries of each Chapter in the District to be present at the District rehearsals in the afternoon to meet with the M. E. Grand Secretary. I know they are being helped considerably, and incidentally have learned a lot in these get together meetings, as the Schools have gotten together. I can only say I hope the Secretary of each subordinate Chapter will meet with the Grand Secretary. It is very important that every Secretary be present and become acquainted with the duties of his office and the letter of the law, make Monthly Returns correctly and give other information intelligently.

On the subject of monthly notices for the Stated meetings, Secretaries should mail such notices at least one week prior to the meeting; this is the minimum time. Some Chapters have members all over the United States. For instance should a notice be mailed to a member living in Los Angeles two days before the meeting, he will not receive it until two or

three days after the meeting is held. This is not complying with the law, which provides due and timely notice be given of all meetings.

Monthly Returns should be sent promptly to the Grand Secretary after each stated meeting and the reply from the Grand Secretary's office checked with your petitions to see that the names and other information is correct. This reply should also be checked with your list of petitioners on the monthly notices of stated meetings. For the month of January alone the Grand Secretary has written over 100 letters and fully 75 per cent of them were about mistakes. The office of Secretary of a subordinate Chapter is a very important one, and the Minutes should be carefully and correctly kept, as these Minutes are the History of the Chapter for future reference.

District Deputies should make a careful inspection of the Minute Book, Cash Book, Book of Marks, etc. I do not expect District Deputies to examine these books on the same evening as their visitations. These books cannot be examined accurately and the work of the Chapter inspected on the same evening. District Deputies should have the Secretaries send their Minute Book and Book of Marks to them at different times, so they may be examined and studied at their leisure.''

Companion William K. Shoemaker:

''M. E. Grand High Priest, would it not be possible for us to have a model set of By-laws provided, with your approval for the subordinate Chapters. I am Chairman of the By-laws Committee of my Chapter and I know the model would be of considerable help to me in preparing the new By-laws.''

Companion John M. Core, Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

''I thank the Companion for his kind suggestion. A model form of By-Laws for subordinate Chapters has been prepared by the M. E. Grand Secretary which he mailed to my office at Uniontown. I looked them over and think I sent them back to Philadelphia. However, he did not receive them and I fear they have been lost in the mail, and he may have to do the work over again. I am glad you brought the matter up. The model form of By-laws will be printed and distributed to the subordinate Chapters as soon as it can possibly be done.''

Copies of proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 21, 173, 179, 196, 199, 203, 208, 225,

226, 251, 260, 288, 297 and new Code of By-laws of Chapter No. 310 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 6, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from November 23, 1923, to February 21, 1924, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$31,466 25	
" Certificates	8 00	
" Constitutions	1 00	
" Dispensations	5 00	
" Interest on Investments	912 25	
" Sale of Ledger Sheets	12 00	
" Sale of Old Book Case	50 00	
Total	$32,454 50	
To which add Balance, November 23, 1923	7,376 70	
		$39,831 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	$77 00
" Masonic Home, Philadelphia	1,000 00
" Endowment Fund, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown	1,000 00
" Clothing and Furniture	161 44
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	2,000 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests	482 34
" " P. G. H. P. and other Grand Officers	193 05
" Instruction in the Work	83 37
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	865 04

For Salaries	$2,145 00	
" Telephone Services	37 67	
" Bonding Treasurer	12 50	
" Auditing	40 00	
Total	$8,097 41	
To which add Balance, February 21, 1924	31,733 79	
		$39,831 20

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
Committee."

The Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved,* that an additional appropriation of $1,500 or so much thereof as shall be needed be made to the Committee on Printing and Publishing.

"*Resolved,* that an appropriation of $200 or so much thereof as shall be needed be made to the Grand Secretary's office for incidental expenses."

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 6, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws have examined the proposed By-laws and Amendments to the By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 310 be amended by striking out the following expression, *viz.:* 'or any member who shall have paid full dues for twenty-five years or upwards' and that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, that Article IX, Section 1, of the By-laws of Chapter No. 260 be amended by striking out the words 'eighty dollars' and inserting 'one hundred dollars,' and that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 21, 173, 179, 196, 199, 203, 208, 211, 225, 226, 251, 286, 288, 297, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JOHN A. PERRY,
Committee.''

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, which was received and the resolution attached thereto unanimously adopted:

''PHILADELPHIA, March 1, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Correspondence has had referred to it a communication from R. E. Companion HARRY F. MOULDEN, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, asking for recognition of the said Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and exchange of Fraternal Representatives.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada for 1922 show that a petition signed by the proper officers of seven subordinate Chapters of the territory of the proposed Grand Chapter of Manitoba presented a request to the said Grand Chapter of Canada asking consent to form a Grand Chapter, which request was referred to a Special Committee, who reported in favor of the request being granted. The report was adopted.

We also have a letter from the Grand Scribe E., stating that all subordinate Chapters in the Province of Manitoba are in allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

Every requirement of our Grand Chapter has been complied with.

We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania hereby extend Fraternal Recognition to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, and recommend the exchange of Representatives.

Fraternally submitted,
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.,
EDWARD W. RUSHTON,
H. FRANKLIN BROSSMAN,
Committee.''

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

''PHILADELPHIA, March 6, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids were asked for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1923 and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, the International Printing Company.

The Work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and distribution will commence in the course of ten days or two weeks.

Fraternally submitted,
LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
ROBERT W. VOGT,
Committee.''

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary reported that all General Returns from Chapters and Mark Lodges were received, all Auditor's Reports with the exception of eight, all dues and fees for 1923 paid excepting four, and presented the following report of Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ended December 27, 1923:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 6, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ended December 27, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453:

CHAPTERS.

Membership December 27, 1922, per last report		55,460
Admitted during the year	228	
Restored during the year	92	
Marked during the year	3,254	
		3,574
		59,034
Died during the year	858	
Resigned during the year	253	
Suspended during the year	395	
		1,506
Membership December 27, 1923		57,528
A net gain of	2,068	
Rejected	93	
Restored to G. M. S.	29	

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1922		155
Admitted during the year	5	
Marked during the year	1	6
		161
Died during the year		4
Membership, December 27, 1923		157
Number of Chapters	151	
Number of Mark Lodges	2	

There were 133 Chapters which showed a gain in membership,
11 Chapters which showed a loss in membership,
7 Chapters which showed neither gain nor loss,
3 Chapters in which no degrees were conferred,
2 of which were constituted during the year.

There are 10 Chapters with a membership of over 1000.

Fraternally yours,
JOSEPH E. QUINBY,
Grand Secretary."

Communications were received announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

R. E. Companion George Arthur Morgan, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada. Died September 19, 1923.

M. E. Companion Leroy T. Weld, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa. Died October 14, 1923.

M. E. Companion Thomas Franklin Ryan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon. Died October 20, 1923.

R. E. Companion Russell Samuel Bucher, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia. Died November 20, 1923.

M. E. Companion Isaiah Baker, Jr., Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut. Died November 30, 1923.

M. E. Companion Joseph William Cullen Bryant, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia. Died December 6, 1923.

M. E. Companion Jay Tuttle, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon. Died December 14, 1923.

M. E. Companion Olin S. Wright, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida. Died December 17, 1923.

R. E. Companion Henry Milton Tusler, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died January 7, 1924.

Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by the members of the Capitular Schools at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, Companion Benjamin Biswanger acting Most Excellent High Priest.

Grand Chapter was "called on."

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at ten o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quinby
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, June 5, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was held this evening.

PRESENT:

Comp.	JOHN M. CORE,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	GEORGE P. DARROW,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	FRANCIS M. TAITT,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	FREDERICK P. GLASSER,	as *Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	ROBERT A. WALKER,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ELMER C. WATT,	*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
"	RALPH C. MINEHART,	*Grand Master of Second Vail.*
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP,	*Grand Master of First Vail.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	ROBERT D. COLE,	as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE,	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	HAYES H. DUNCAN,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	*Grand Tyler.*

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., and JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, FRANK C. YINGST, ROY C. STORMER, FREDERICK J. WANDALL, THOMAS N. MCKEE, GEORGE W. RODGERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG and HARVEY F. PEIFLY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" GEORGE W. RODGERS, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" JOHN M. CORE, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Companions of Chapters:—3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 169, 175, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 195, 198, 201, 203, 208, 211, 223, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 263, 266, 271, 274, 282, 283, 284, 286, 297, 307. (44 Chapters represented, 105 members.) (Visitors, 5 from Pennsylvania and 1 from South Carolina.)

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 6, 1924, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 3, 166, 170, 177, 186, 192, 217, 251, 262,

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268, 278, 289, 298, 302, 307 and 309 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

"PHILADELPHIA, June 5, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accounts, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from February 22, 1924, to May 20, 1924, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$2,138 75	
" Certificates	6 00	
" Interest on Investments	1,041 84	
" Sale of Safes	200 00	
" Sale of Ledger Sheets	2 00	
	$3,388 59	
To which add Balance, February 21, 1924	31,733 79	
		$35,122 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	$53 50
" Clothing and Furniture	1,292 85
" Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	514 23
" " P. G. H. P. and other Grand Officers	171 97
" " Instruction in the Work	885 41
" Investments	10,000 00
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,470 74
" Salaries	1,695 00
" Telephone Services	32 55
" Typewriter	112 50
" Assistant Tyler	4 00
" Insurance	223 13
" Auditing	50 00

" Incidentals	336 22	
	$16,842 10	
To which add Balance May 20, 1924	18,280 28	
		$35,122 38

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. Criswell Smith,
E. Marshall Harvey,
McCluney Radcliffe,
Robert E. Umbel,
Committee."

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

"Philadelphia, June 5, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—Your Committee on By-laws have examined the proposed amendments to the By-laws referred to it, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 3, 166, 177, 186, 192, 217, 251, 262, 268, 278, 289, 298, 299, 302, 307 and 309 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

Carl A. Sundstrom,
A. Howard Thomas,
Fenton H. Middleton,
William R. Sutch,
John A. Perry,
Committee."

Committee on Correspondence:

Companion John M. Core, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

"My Companions of Grand Chapter, we have been singularly blessed in Grand Chapter for several years in that the ranks of our Past Grand High Priests have remained intact and we had sincerely hoped that should it

please God in his Providence that it might continue to exist during the remainder of our term, but it is ordered otherwise. It is my sad duty as Grand High Priest to announce to the Companions of Grand Chapter the death of our Beloved Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH. We have already prepared a formal announcement of his death which will be sent throughout the Jurisdiction. We who have been so closely and intimately associated with him cannot express our regrets, but such has been the will of God, and we must bow to it. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence since he became a Past Grand High Priest.

I will request Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, to prepare an In Memoriam to be presented to Grand Chapter at such time as he may be able to prepare it and have it ready for us.''

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Publishing, Companion JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON reported that the final proofs of the new Constitution of Grand Chapter were in the hands of the printer, and they would probably be ready for distribution by the end of the month.

Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, made the following report:

''PHILADELPHIA, June 5, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—On April 11, 1924, I received from the M. E. Grand Secretary a letter stating that all Chapters and Mark Lodges in the State had paid their dues and Charges to Grand Chapter, except R. A. Chapter, No. ; that due notice had been given to said R. A. Chapter, No. , of the amount of its dues for the year ending December 27, 1923, but no reply had been received from said Chapter.

By the provisions of Article XII, Section 20, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, the Warrant of any Chapter failing to pay its dues and charges to Grand Chapter 'by the tenth day of the following April' is *ipso facto* suspended.

This being an automatic action caused by the failure of the Chapter to pay its arrearages and dues, I notified the High Priest, Officers and members of R. A. Chapter, No. , of the suspension of the Warrant of the Chapter until the Quarterly Communication of Grand

Chapter in June next, when they would have an opportunity to show cause why the Warrant of the Chapter should not be vacated.

I am informed by the M. E. Grand Secretary that on April 15. 1924, he received a cashier's check from R. A. Chapter No. for the amount of its dues and charges to Grand Chapter to December 27, 1923, which amount has been deposited to the credit of Grand Chapter.

This action, however, does not restore the Warrant of the Chapter. By the provisions of the Constitution the Warrant remains suspended until the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, at which, unless cause be shown to the contrary it shall be vacated.

As Warrants for Chapters are granted only by Grand Chapter, I am of the opinion that only Grand Chapter can return a Warrant once suspended, no matter for what cause. I therefore lay this matter before Grand Chapter for such action as it, in its wisdom, may deem proper.

If no action is taken whatever, in my opinion the Warrant after this meeting is vacated, and it would then remain with the Grand Officers to take such action as is provided by the Constitution in case of vacation of the Warrant of a R. A. Chapter for any cause.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. CORE,
M. E. Grand High Priest.''

A petition was presented to Grand Chapter signed by the Officers and Members of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , praying that the Warrant be restored.

It was on motion

''*Resolved,* that the petition of the members of R. A. Chapter, No. , to restore the Warrant be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.''

Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, made the following report:

''PHILADELPHIA, June 5, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—On December 27th last, it was represented to me that the High Priest-elect of Royal Arch Chapter No. had not qualified

himself to be installed M. E. High Priest of the Chapter. The usual excuses were offered. After consideration of all the excuses presented I telegraphed the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the District that if the Companion would agree to learn the work before March 1, 1924, to proceed with the installation, and in case he failed to learn it by that time I would suspend him from office.

This message was shown to him by the Deputy and assented to by the Companion and he was duly installed M. E. High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter No. .

On April 29th, accompanied by the M. E. Grand Scribe, the M. E. Grand Secretary, the Deputy for the District and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia, I held a District rehearsal in the Chapter Hall of Royal Arch Chapter No. .

To that Chapter was assigned the rehearsal of the Royal Arch Degree. When it was rehearsed, a Past High Priest took the station of the High Priest and rehearsed the degree.

After the rehearsal I called a meeting of the elective officers of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , at which were present the M. E. Grand Scribe, the M. E. Grand Secretary and the Deputy for the District.

It there developed that the High Priest had not learned the work, and although the Chapter has exalted some thirty Candidates since the first of the year the High Priest has taken no part in the work. He freely admitted seeing the telegram to the Deputy and being installed under promise to learn the work by March 1st. He also admitted that he had not learned it. In reply to my question to him as to what he thought of the situation he replied, 'If you are a man of your word you will remove me.' I assured him that he would have no cause to question the good faith of Grand Chapter in keeping its promise.

I accordingly informed the officers that a formal order of suspension would be issued upon my return to Philadelphia.

The following order was issued:

"Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 1924.

To the Officers and Members of R. A. Chapter No. ,

COMPANIONS:

WHEREAS, Companion , who was elected and installed Most Excellent High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , has failed to perform the duties of the office,

NOW, therefore I, JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do suspend the said Companion ,

from the office of Most Excellent High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , and direct Companion King of said Royal Arch Chapter No. , to take charge of the Warrant of Constitution of said Chapter and perform the duties of the office of Most Excellent High Priest.

This communication must be read at the next stated meeting of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , and spread in full upon the minutes.

Done at the City of Philadelphia the first day of May, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN M. CORE,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

Attest:

JOSEPH E. QUINBY,
Grand Secretary.''

After a careful consideration of all the matters pertaining to proficiency of Officers of Chapters in the matter of Conferring degrees I am of the opinion that nothing short of removal from office of those who fail to qualify themselves for the performance of the duties of their respective offices will attain the desired result.

The entire policy of Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania is that each officer shall perform the duties of his office. It is not optional with either the officer or the Chapter. His obligation requires him to do this, and that requirement cannot be shirked or evaded; neither can it be done by proxy. In Pennsylvania we do not have trained ''Degree Teams,'' as they are sometimes called, for conferring degrees. The regular officers of the Chapter are the proper persons to confer degrees.

No one should aspire to office in a Chapter who is not willing to give sufficient of his time and energy to perform the duties of the office.

This being my view of the duties of officers of Subordinate Chapters I feel fully justified in suspending from office anyone who fails to perform the duties of his office.

Under Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, enumerating the powers and duties of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, occurs the following:

> ''To sequestrate the Warrant and suspend the labors of any Chapter or to suspend from office any officer of a Chapter, subject to the decision of Grand Chapter at its next Quarterly Communication, to which he shall report his action with the reasons therefor, and a detailed statement of the facts.''

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution I therefore report to Grand Chapter the suspension of Companion as High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , for the reasons hereinbefore set forth.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN M. CORE,
M. E. Grand High Priest.''

It was on motion

Resolved, that the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN M. CORE, in suspending Companion , M. E. High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , be approved and the Companion be removed from office.

Communications were received announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion ANDREW J. BALE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died December 13, 1923.

Companion BURT E. WARREN, Grand Master of First Vail of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Died December 15, 1923.

M. E. Companion ELIAS LYONS GUY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia. Died February 14, 1924.

M. E. Companion JOHN C. HALLENBECK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died February 28, 1924.

M. E. Companion FRANK SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died March 1, 1924.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM TAYLOR MCLEAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Died March 18, 1924.

M. E. Companion CHARLES EDWARD COCHRANE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died March 24, 1924.

M. E. Companion HENRY CLAY MCNEIL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Died March 26, 1924.

M. E. Companion ALPHA MORGAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died April 17, 1924.

M. E. Companion RAYMOND THEODORE WARNER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Died April 25, 1924.

M. E. Companion OTIS ADAM CRAMPTON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington. Died May 2, 1924.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at eight o'clock and ten minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quimby
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,

PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 4, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was held this evening.

PRESENT:

Comp.	JOHN M. CORE,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	GEORGE P. DARROW,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	CHARLES H. WEAVER,	as *Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM,	as *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ELMER C. WATT,	*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
"	JAMES H. REEDER,	as *Grand Master of Second Vail.*
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP,	*Grand Master of First Vail.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	GEORGE B. HANNUM,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE,	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	ROBERT D. COLE,	as *Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	*Grand Tyler.*

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions EDGAR A. TENNIS, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., DAVID J. DAVIS and JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. WEAVER, FRANK C. YINGST, WILLIAM F. SHAY, JAMES H. REEDER, THOMAS N. MCKEE, GEORGE W. RODGERS, JAMES W. MYERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS and JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. William A. Rhoads, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" William McCombs, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" Robert E. Umbel, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
" Andrew H. Hershey, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" Samuel Shaw, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" Edmund W. Boots, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" Thomas N. McKee, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" Howard M. Brown, of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.
" George B. Wells, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" Charles H. Weaver, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" George A. Gorgas, of the Grand Chapter of Maine.
" George P. Darrow, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" Richard P. Mogridge, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" Albert S. Houldsworth, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" Walton K. Swetland, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" August P. Kunzig, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" David J. Davis, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" A. G. Criswell Smith, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" George W. Rodgers, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
" Carl A. Sundstrom, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" Thomas McConnell, Jr., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" John M. Core, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" James H. Reeder, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. Howard Thomas, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" William J. Byrnes, Jr., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" Joseph E. Quinby, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" P. Francis Struppler, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
" William F. Shay, of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Numbers:—3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 165, 175, 177, 182, 183, 185, 190, 196, 202, 203, 208, 217, 222, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 241, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 280, 282, 283, 284, 297, 307, 308, 310. (45 Chapters represented, 104 members.) (6 visitors from Pennsylvania and 1 from New York.)

R. E. Companion Harry M. Rice, Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, honored Grand Chapter with his presence.

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 5, 1924, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 91, 226 and 245, also new Codes of By-laws of Chapters Nos. 190, 240, 241 and 266, were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

"My Companions, at the last Quarterly Communication when I called on the Committee on Correspondence I had hoped it would be the last time during my term of office to announce the death of one of our M. E. Past Grand High Priests, but such is not the case. Our M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion Hibbert P. John, I think, was present at that meeting, passed away a short time ago and we are left the poorer because of his passing, but we are the better because he lived. We issued the usual announcement of his death at that time. Grand Chapter was represented at the funeral by the Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers.

I will at this time authorize Companion EDGAR A. TENNIS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, to prepare a suitable in memoriam to present to Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication in December, if the convenience of Companion TENNIS will permit."

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

"PHILADELPHIA, September 4, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from May 21, 1924, to August 20, 1924, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Certificates	$6 00	
" Constitutions	1 00	
" Interest on Investments	1,763 02	
" Rebate on Insurance	3 07	
	$1,773 09	
To which add Balance May 20, 1924	18,280 28	
		$20,053 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Clothing and Furniture	$184 50	
" Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	863 69	
" " P. G. H. P. and other Grand Officers	390 55	
" " Instruction in the Work	230 40	
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	99 90	
" Salaries	1,695 00	
" Telephone	35 01	
" Flowers	53 26	
" Printing New Constitutions	2,645 30	
" Auditing	25 00	
" Rent of Safe Deposit Box	10 00	
" Insurance	5 00	
" Auto Hire	10 00	
	$6,247 61	
To which add Balance August 20, 1924	13,805 76	
		$20,053 37

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,
Committee.''

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 4, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws have examined the Codes of By-laws and proposed Amendments to the By-laws referred to it, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapter No. 91 be approved.

Resolved, that the Code of By-laws of Chapter No. 190, Article III, Section 3, be amended by striking out the words "St. John The Evangelist's Day next succeeding such" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "night of the annual," and as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 226 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Code of By-laws of Chapter No. 240, Article III, Section 3, be amended by striking out the words "St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding such" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "night of the annual," and as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Code of By-laws of Chapter No. 241, Article III, Section 3, be amended by striking out the words "St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding such" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "night of the annual," and as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Code of By-laws of Chapter No. 245 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Code of By-laws of Chapter No. 266 be amended by striking out the figures "$80.00" and inserting the figures "$100.00" in Article IX, Section 1, and amending Article III, Section 3, by striking out the words "St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding such" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "night of the annual," and as so amended it be approved.

Fraternaly submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JOHN A. PERRY,
Committee.

It was on motion duly seconded

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on By-laws be received and the resolutions attached thereto be adopted except the one relating to Chapter No. 266, and that these By-laws be returned to Chapter No. 266 for correction by their Chapter.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution reported the work of that Committee had been com-

pleted, the Constitution printed and distributed, when on motion duly seconded and carried, it was

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged with the thanks of Grand Chapter for the faithful performance of their duties.

Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, made the following report:

"At the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter the Warrant of R. A. Chapter, No. , was automatically suspended for failure to pay Grand Chapter dues and fees for 1923 within the required time as provided by the Constitution, which matter was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act. The Grand Officers met in the office of the M. E. Grand High Priest immediately after Grand Chapter to hear the explanation of the Companions of R. A. Chapter, No. , for this violation of the Constitution. They stated they were fully to blame, placing the same on the Officers of the Chapter, and said it has been a matter of neglect for some years back.

I understand from the M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, that they have since read carefully the new Constitution and the members of the Chapter are now working better than ever before, and as the Grand Officers feel there was no intention on their part to evade the provisions of the Constitution, it was on motion

Resolved, that the Warrant be restored to R. A. Chapter, No. , and they be placed in good standing.

They went away very happy and I feel that while it was a bitter punishment at the same time they have learned their lesson."

A petition was received from a number of Companions of New Kensington, Pa., praying for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to be known as William B. Meredith Royal Arch Chapter.

Upon motion, duly seconded, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, announced that at the Quarterly Communication in June he had appointed Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, to prepare an in memoriam to our late beloved Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, and that he did not expect Companion WELLS to have it ready in time for this Communication; as it was ready he called on Companion GEORGE B. WELLS to read it.

Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the World, this was a man.

In a drenching rain on the afternoon of Monday, May the nineteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, in addition to those conveyed by automobiles, more than seven score men, most of them well past the meridian of life, climbed the long and precipitous path leading to the home of the dead, placed high above the busy thriving City of Kittanning, in the western part of this State.

With bowed heads and reverent mien they braved the elements and participated in the sepulture the mortal remains of one who for more than five and four score years had enjoyed companionship with them and their forbears.

Who and what manner of man was this whose passing on commanded such willing tribute, such eloquent attestation of appreciation of his life and labors, his standing and services? It is writ in records to be read by all that he was WILLIAM BOLING MEREDITH, born in Kittanning on September 17, 1839, that he pursued his studies first in the village school, continued them in a neighboring Academy and was in 1860 graduated from Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Pa.

Early developing qualities of leadership, which were recognized by his fellows, he filled positions of trust with fidelity and efficiency, became a factor in the public life of his community, and was thrice sent as the representative of his district to the State Senate of Pennsylvania, his first

election occurring in 1884. His industry and aggressiveness in the halls of legislation soon commanded the recognition of our public men, and for a generation he was recognized as one to be consulted in matters political throughout the Commonwealth.

In middle life he allied himself with financial interests, and at the time of his demise he was the President of one successful banking institution, and Vice-President of another. He was a born leader, and in whatsoever relation of life he found himself he stepped promptly into the front rank and steadfastly maintained his place there by worth and work, asking no favors, but proving himself essential to the cause.

In Masonry he was no less assertive and masterful than in business and political life. Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in March of 1865 we find him at the close of 1869 Past Master of his Lodge and Representative of the same in Grand Lodge. At the time of his death he was well into his fifty-first year of continuous service as a District Deputy Grand Master and to the end met his responsibilities and did his work with a degree of fidelity and efficiency excelled by none.

He received the Capitular Degrees in Zerubbabel R. A. Chapter, No. 162, in 1867, and became a member of Grand Chapter through being named as the first M. E. High Priest of Orient R. A. Chapter No. 247, which was constituted June 11, 1874. He was the Representative of Orient R. A. Chapter from its Constitution to the time of his death; did yeoman service in Grand Chapter as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, a member of the Committee on Printing and Publishing and Committee on Jurisprudence; also as M. E. Grand Scribe, M. E. Grand King, and served with distinction and honor as M. E. Grand High Priest during the years 1907 and 1908. This is indeed a splendid record.

It constitutes a rich heritage in which we are proud to claim part and share. But the Annals of Grand Chapter and the tablets of our memories reveal testimony more intimate, aye more sacred. And so it is both fit and worth while that here and now we who constitute Grand Chapter, should for a short space of time, putting aside all things else, pause and not only pay tribute to a departed leader, but also in prayerful mood contemplate all that was noblest in the life and most effective in the services of him whom we would honor, to the end that our lives through increasing zeal and deeper consecration may be productive of greater good.

We believe, and are prepared "to give reasons for the faith that is within us," that in Capitular Masonry Companion William B. Meredith found a congenial field for the cultivation of manly virtues, a potent aid in the development of the higher attributes of a noble life, and an opportunity of gratifying an innate desire to serve his fellows, and make an in-

dividual contribution towards making of this World a Temple fit for the abiding place of the Most High.

The lessons of our Capitular system were to him living virtues and the term Companion a reality and not a mere identification tag. He wove into the woof of his life the spirit of Charity so eloquently exploited in the Mark Degree, esteemed it a privilege to impart Masonic wisdom to Brethren uninformed, delighted in forging bonds that bound in fraternity good men and true, who lacking the Masonic cloak might never have discovered each the other's worth.

And he gladly did his part towards establishing the fact that the Royal Arch Degree is the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry, enjoining that reverence due His Holy Name, which makes possible the revealing of the lost word to the soul of the initiate. This much have I written in justice and in truth, but we must not idealize his memory. He would not have it so, nor would we be content to have those coming after us think of him as a superman.

Those who were so fortunate as to have close relationship with him are proud to proclaim him as simply a good all around man's man who played the game, believed in God, in Freemasonry and in his fellow man, and translated his faith into works.

In Grand Chapter circles WILLIAM B. MEREDITH will long be a name to conjure with. What happy memories will ever cluster 'round the mention of any situation or episode in which he was central, and when was he ever not central if present?

Possessed of a strong and most pleasing personality, he was intensely human but equally humane. In him the practical and the ideal were coupled in closest counterpart, and dignity and affability were blended in perfect proportions.

As a guest all sought to honor him and as a host he was beyond compare. He was for the most part economical with words but when he spoke all others listened. He had pronounced opinion on all subjects worthy of discussion, but never denied the right of others to think differently; albeit he had a never-to-be-forgotten way of silencing a weak upholder of an unworthy cause by a short quip or an apropos anecdote that left nothing further to be said.

Loyalty in friendship, wisdom in counsel and safety in leadership characterized the career of our beloved Companion.

His respect for Constituted authority was proverbial. He never questioned the directions of a ranking officer, nor permitted others to do it when the authority and responsibility were his own. He was gentleness itself, when circumstances favored gentleness, but could emulate adamant when occasion justified.

The value of his direct services to Grand Chapter is incalculable. He will ever be remembered as one of the chief of those who wrought diligently and effectively for uniformity of work, increasing dignity in ritualistic rendition, elimination of trivialty and efficency of officers.

Also as one who faithfully guarded the Ancient landmarks, one to whom all innovation or addenda was anathema, and one whom the supremacy of the Constitution was as the Ark of the Covenant.

His writings as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, covering a period of more than fifteen years, are replete with passages justifying the foregoing statements, the substance of which may be summed up in one paragraph written in 1913, as follows: "The tendency to change or modernize the Ancient usages, customs and landmarks of Freemasonry is certainly deserving of serious consideration. These come to us from those who preceded us, having been handed down from generation to generation, hence there should be no change. These ancient usages and customs have existed for so long a time that they may be classed as landmarks; as such they are unalterable. The Constitutions made and adopted by Grand Chapters are our only laws, they are based on the usages, customs and landmarks, hence Grand High Priests are restricted by the Landmarks, and the Constitution, which is higher than any individual governed by it."

Another point he never lost an opportunity of featuring in his Correspondence Committee's report was the fact that the honor of the first Royal Arch Chapter in America belongs to Philadelphia, and that of the first Grand Chapter to Pennsylvania. Nor did he ever fail to uphold the superiority of the Pennsylvania system of Capitular Masonry, its laws, usages and work, albeit when pronouncing on the subject, with characteristic courtesy he always added a clause admitting the right of others to differ with us so far as their Jurisdictions were concerned.

Our Beloved Companion was a many sided man. Although a successful banker and man of affairs, it was not an unusual thing for him after an absence of several days, to take home with him a box of expensive candy for the dog who was his daily companion in his home town. What plummet line can fathom the depth of sentiment housed in the heart of him whose blood flows faster because of the knowledge that the eye of a dog will mark his coming and look brighter when he comes.

At the time of his death he was busily planning to celebrate by a "Class reunion" the sixty-fourth anniversary of his college graduation, with distinguished guests and an elaborate program, with himself as sole survivor of the class and sole host of the occasion.

What a spirit is there revealed. And of the loss to those who might have participated.

In his later years he was affectionately known to his intimates as "The Senator" and other name or title was rarely used in speaking of or to him.

One of his friends of closest intimacy and longest standing writes that while he never united with the Church, the First Presbyterian Church of Kittanning never had a more staunch supporter even among those enrolled as members and officials than "The Senator." If in town and physically able to be on the street, I do not recall a single time when he was absent from his accustomed place at the regular church service, and his loyalty to the Pastor was just as intense and outstanding as his loyalty to presiding officers in Masonic Grand Bodies.

Another distinguished Brother and Companion who wrought side by side with the "Senator" in Masonic work for upwards of forty years stated, in effect, that the fraternal bonds thus forged were "such as only death could sever," that for the remainder of his own life he will cherish these memories of having had as a co-worker one whose zeal and interest in the different branches of Masonry, exemplified in so many years of consecrated service, will ever stand out as a lasting monument.

His co-workers in his home town affectionately attest that notwithstanding the honors attained in a wider field, and the consequent demand upon his time and talents, our beloved Companion never abated his interest in or service to the subordinate bodies in which he held membership, and wherein his attitude was paternal rather than fraternal, that he could always be depended upon in all things Masonic, and that to know him was in itself an acknowledgment of his strength. They also pathetically ask whether any shoulders will be found worthy to wear his mantle.

Father of All, accept our thanks for our priceless heritage of happy memories of thy servant, our leader, counsellor, friend and Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest.

It was on motion duly seconded,

Resolved, that the In Memoriam to Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH be reduced to printing and a copy sent to the family, officers of Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters.

Companion JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

"Companions of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, it was with most profound sorrow that I was informed yesterday on my arrival in the City of the death of one of the greatest Capitular Masons of this age, a man whom this Grand Chapter has had the privilege of seeing at its Quarterly Communications. I refer to the decease of Companion DR. WILLIAM F. KUHN, M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of

the United States, who died on Monday night at his home in Kansas City, Missouri. He would have presided over the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Portland, Maine, next week, had he lived.

While the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is not affiliated with the General Grand Chapter, yet we recognize in Dr. Kuhn one of the most Illustrious Masons of the World.

It was at the December Quarterly Communication last when he was with us, and it is with deep regret that we will not meet him at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter next week which it is our intention to attend.''

It was on motion duly seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to prepare a suitable resolution to be sent to the General Grand Chapter expressing the sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in the loss of this most Illustrious Companion.

Communications were received announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

Companion Frank Hollinsead Johnson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Died May 22, 1924.

M. E. Companion William Gilson Hudson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died May 28, 1924.

M. E. Companion Jacob Henry Bromwell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Died June 4, 1924.

R. E. Companion Daniel Demarest, Grand Chaplain Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died June 6, 1924.

M. E. Companion Edward Mills, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died June 12, 1924.

M. E. Companion Edward White Waynant, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Died June 18, 1924.

M. E. Companion John Angus Gillis, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. Died June 19, 1924.

R. E. Companion Dan Franklin Billmyer, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died June 28, 1924.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at eight o'clock and thirty minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quimby
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

NEW KENSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

A Special Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this day at the Masonic Hall, New Kensington, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

PRESENT:

Comp.	JOHN M. CORE, . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	GEORGE P. DARROW, .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	HARRY M. MCDONALD, .	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	HARRY J. BELL, . .	as *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	JAMES MCCULLOUGH, JR.,	as *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	EDWARD BRANDON, .	as *Grand Master of Third Vail.*
"	RALPH C. MINEHART, . .	*Grand Master of Second Vail.*
"	R. KAY PORTSER, .	as *Grand Master of First Vail.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . .	*Grand Marshal.*
"	ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE, .	as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	FREDERICK P. GLASSER,	as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	ROBERT D. COLE, .	as *Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . .	*Grand Tyler.*

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions HENRY OSCAR KLINE, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., and JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, GEORGE W. RODGERS, JAMES W. MYERS, THOMAS N. MCKEE and HUGH M. MARQUIS.

Companions of Chapters Nos.:—162, 192, 193, 217, 247, 249, 257, 268, 282, 283, 285, 290, 297, 299, 300 and 309 of Pennsylvania and Chapter No. 4 of Delaware.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at eleven o'clock and ten minutes P. M.

The Most Excellent Grand King, addressing the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, then presented the Companions who had applied for a Warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the purpose of having the Chapter constituted and its Officers installed in *Due* and *Ancient Form.*

By direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Most Excellent Grand Secretary then read the Warrant for the constitution of

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
No. 311.

All but Past High Priests who have received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion DENNIS A. REESER was duly installed Most Excellent High Priest and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when

Companion JOHN T. SPRINGER was duly installed King,

Companion RUDOLF THEIS, Scribe,

Companion H. BURNS SMITH, Treasurer, and

Companion WALTER B. LLEWELLYN, Secretary, in *Ancient Form.*

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest constituted Companions:

DENNIS A. REESER,
WILLIAM E. WYANT,
DAVID J. GRIST,
EARL R. THOMPSON,
JOHN E. WILL,
JOHN T. SPRINGER,
DAVID A. LESLIE,
HOMER B. SMITH,
JOHN LLOYD SNYDER,
ELMER R. CRISS,
HARRY P. CROSBY,
WILLIAM HARRIS,
FRANK W. WOLFF,
CHARLES A. FRITZ,
BENJAMIN F. BOSWORTH,
JAMES L. KELLS,
D. MILO W. SHAW,
OTTO B. LINDQUIST,
JAMES L. THOMPSON,
THOMAS B. MOORE,
ROY VINCENT HARTMAN,
RUDOLF THEIS,
ROBERT MORGAN,
CHARLES H. VAUGHAN,
JAMES EWING,
ALEXANDER R. HENDERSON,
HERBERT W. COTA,
WILLIAM C. KLINGENSMITH,
WILBERT C. BLACK,
CHARLES S. ORRIS,
WILLIAM G. YOHE,
WILLIAM J. LAUGHLIN,
JAMES M. BEVERIDGE,
LUTELLUS J. ROBERTSON,
JOHN M. E. BROWN,
A. HOWARD TOWNSEND,
LOGAN T. FISCUS,
JACOB U. STEPHENSON,
HARRY McD. FISHER,
DANIEL P. CLARK,
ALEXANDER S. GROSS,
JAMES WILSON,
RICHARD R. STEVENSON,
RALPH S. WOODWARD,
DUDLEY H. ANDERSON,
FRED R. LARDIN,
ALONZO M. FREDERICK,
FRANK RUSSELL ELWOOD,
HARRY M. YINGLING,
WILLIAM J. McCRACKEN,
HARRY A. KLINGENSMITH,
ADAM C. SCHAFER,
WARREN L. KERSTETTER,
MATTHEW H. MAINWARING,
WALTER B. LLEWELLYN,
GEORGE T. McCARTHY,
MARTIN C. CULP,
ROY L. JONES,
AUGUST A. SCHNEIDER,
FRED WOHLWEND,
HARRY WHITTAKER.

into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

By direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest the Grand Marshal then made proclamation that

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
No. 311

was duly constituted and its officers regularly installed.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at one o'clock and thirty minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quimby
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 4, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this afternoon.

PRESENT:

Comp.	JOHN M. CORE,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	GEORGE P. DARROW,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	GEORGE W. WELLBURN,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	HARRY M. MCDONALD,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	ROBERT A. WALKER,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ROBERT D. COLE,	as *Grand Master of Third Vail.*
"	RALPH C. MINEHART,	*Grand Master of Second Vail.*
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP,	*Grand Master of First Vail.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	GEORGE B. HANNUM,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE,	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	HAYES H. DUNCAN,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	*Grand Tyler.*

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions EDGAR A. TENNIS, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., DAVID J. DAVIS and JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, ROBERT G. SMITH, ALFRED C. MARPLE, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, ROY C. STORMER, JAMES H. REEDER, JOHN P. ANDERSON, FREDERICK J. WANDALL, RUSSELL RUDOLPH, GEORGE W. RODGERS, JAMES W. MYERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, HUGH M. MARQUIS, PETER BARKEY and HARVEY F. PEIFLY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. Owen T. Metzgar, of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.
" William A. Rhoads, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" William McCombs, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" Robert E. Umbel, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
" Andrew H. Hershey, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" Samuel Shaw, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" Ira George Ross, of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
" Edmund W. Boots, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" H. Oscar Kline, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
" Thomas N. McKee, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" George B. Wells, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" Robert D. Cole, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" Charles H. Weaver, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" James McCullough, Jr., of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" George A. Gorgas, of the Grand Chapter of Maine.
" George P. Darrow, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" Frederick P. Glasser, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
" Richard P. Mogridge, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" James E. Morris, of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
" Albert S. Houldsworth, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" Walton K. Swetland, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" Charles H. Tilton, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" August P. Kunzig, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" William S. Semple, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" David J. Davis, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" A. G. Criswell Smith, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" George W. Rodgers, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
" Thomas McConnell, Jr., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" John M. Core, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" John P. Anderson, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.
" James H. Reeder, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" Thomas F. Ashford, Jr., of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.
" A. Howard Thomas, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Peter Barkey, of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" Clarence P. Franklin, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" William J. Byrnes, of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" Joseph E. Quinby, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" Arthur W. Gillan, of the Grand Chapter of Washington.
" Harry J. Bell, of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.
" P. Francis Struppler, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
" William F. Shay, of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Nos.:—3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 190, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 217, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 266, 267, 268, 270, 271, 272, 274, 277, 279, 280, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 299, 300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 311. (129 Chapters, 299 members.) (Visitors: 2 from Pennsylvania, 5 from New York, 3 from New Jersey, 2 from Massachusetts, 2 from Connecticut, 1 from Michigan, 1 from Canada, 3 from Delaware, 1 from West Virginia and 1 from Rhode Island.)

Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of:

M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest, and WINTHROP J. CUSHING, Grand Captain of the Host, both of Massachusetts.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK L. DUTCHER, Grand High Priest; JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM, Deputy Grand High Priest; CHARLES HAMMELL, Grand Scribe; SAMUEL S. FOSTER, Grand Captain of the Host, and HARRY M. RICE, Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, all of New York.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM O. SHELLEY, Grand High Priest, and WILLIAM BOWERS. Deputy Grand High Priest, both of Connecticut.

M. E. Companion FRED O. TILDEN, Grand High Priest; FRANK C. SAYRS, Deputy Grand High Priest, and ABRAM A. REGER, Past Grand High Priest, all of New Jersey.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM O. GOFF, Grand High Priest, of Michigan.

R. E. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Second Grand Principal, of Canada.

R. E. Companion WEST A. TROTTER, Deputy Grand High Priest; CHARLES E. WILLIN, Past Grand High Priest, and WILLIAM WINGATE, Grand Master of the Third Vail, all of Delaware.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. KRUPP, Past Grand High Priest, of West Virginia.

M. E. Companion FRANK B. WILSON, Past Grand High Priest, of Rhode Island.

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 4, 1924, and those of the Special Communication held on Friday, October 24, 1924, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws of Chapters Numbers 152, 170, 185, 205, 212, 220, 222, 232, 258, 262 and 267, and proposed Amendments to By-laws of Chapters Numbers 166, 167, 193, 198, 199, 217, 234, 237, 243, 259, 284, 285, 296, 303 and 306 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1924.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of Grand Chapter present this, their Sixteenth Annual Report:

There was on hand at last report, as per list herein set forth, securities as of par value of		$108,400 00
There was on hand for investment	$1 67	
Received from Grand Chapter for Investment during the year	10,000 00	
Total for investment		$10,001 67
With which were purchased:		
Ten (10) $1,000 Bonds of the $10,000,000 Mortgage on the Wanamaker property	$10,000 00	
Balance on hand	1 67	
Total		10,001 67
Your Trustees withdrew for sale bonds as follows:		
$9,300 City of Philadelphia bringing	$9,127 82	
and interest	87 11	
		9,214 93
57,100 U. S. Liberty Loan bringing	$57,015 49	
and interest	603 42	
		57,618 91
3,000 Pennsylvania Railway bringing	$2,730 00	
and interest	4 33	
		2,734 33
2,000 Market Street Elevated Railway bringing	$1,715 00	
and interest	2 88	
		1,717 88
1,000 Lake Shore and Michigan Southern bringing	$757 50	
and interest	15 75	
		773 25
5,000 Bell Telephone Company bringing	$5,011 25	
and interest	86 81	
		5,098 06
Total		$77,157 36

with which were purchased bonds as follows:

Five (5) $1000	Alabama Power costing	$5,001 25		
	Interest	88 33		
				$5,089 58
Two (2) $1000	Chicago and Alton costing ...			1,130 00
Ten (10) $1000	Mortgage Bonds, Greenfield Building			10,000 00
Ten (10) $1000	Mortgage Bonds, Hotel Adelphia			10,000 00
Ten (10) $1000	Mortgage Bonds, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel			10,000 00
Ten (10) $1000	Argentine Nation costing ...	$9,040 00		
	Interest	45 00		
				9,085 00
Five (5) $1000	Chesapeake & Ohio costing ..	$4,600 00		
	Interest	39 38		
				4,639 38
Four (4) $1000	Chicago and Northwestern costing	$3,736 00		
	Interest	83 38		
				3,819 89
One (1) $1000	Chicago and Northwestern costing	$932 75		
	Interest	20 97		
				953 72
Eight (8) $1000	Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul costing	$7,952 00		
	Interest	161 33		
				8,113 33
	Mortgage on property 2103 Diamond Street			2,500 00
One (1) $1000	Bethlehem Steel			891 50
Five (5) $1000	Mortgage Bonds on Belle Claire Apts. costing	$5,000 00		
	Interest	60 83		
				5,060 83
Five (5) $1000	Mortgage Bonds on Belle Claire Apts. costing	$5,000 00		
	Interest	65 83		
				5,065 83
	Total			$76,349 06

The securities now on hand in the Safe Deposit Box of the Philadelphia Trust Company, consist of the following:

Two	(2)	$1000	Certificates Nos. MX54 and MX55 of Chicago and Alton, 3%, refunding fifty (50) year gold bonds, due October 1, 1949, interest due April 1 and October 1 ..... $2,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Electric & Peoples Stock Trust Certificate, 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1 ..... 5,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loans, 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1 ..... 5,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central, collateral gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1 .. 5,000 00
One	(1)	$1000	Bond, No. 7023, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R. Stock Trust certificates, 4 per cent., principal due June 1, 1948, interest due June 1 and December 1 ..... 1,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Bonds, Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., Gen. 4s, Nos. 2243, 9578, 9579, 13215, 19903, principal due May 1, 2003, interest due May 1 and November 1 ..... 5,000 00
Three	(3)	$1000	Bonds, Southern Indiana Rwy. Co. First Mtge. 4 per cent., Nos. 1304, 1305 and 4670, principal due February 1, 1951, interest due February 1 and August 1 ..... 3,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Bonds, Nos. 5171, 5172, 5173, 5174 and 5175, Chesapeake & Ohio, convertible 4½ per cent. gold bonds, due 1930, interest due February 1 and August 1 ..... 5,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	St. Paul (Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul) Railway Equipment Trust, series A, 5 per cent. gold certificates, Nos. 7609, 7610, 7611, 7612, 7613, principal due 1937, interest due January 15 and July 15 ..... 5,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Bonds, Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, 1st and refunding Mortgage 5 per cent. gold coupon bonds, Nos. 15470, 28371, 28372, 28373 and 28374, due May 1, 2037, interest due June 1 and December 1 ..... 5,000 00

One	(1)	$1000 Bond Bethlehem Steel Company; improvement mortgage 20-year Sinking Fund 5 per cent. gold bond, No. 9630, due July 1, 1936, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
Two	(2)	$1000 Bonds, Laclede Gas Light Company, first mortgage collateral and refunding 5½ per cent. Gold Bonds Nos. 10050 and 10051, principal due February 1, 1953, interest due February 1 and August 1	2,000 00
Ten	(10)	$1000 Bonds of the ten million dollar mortgage of the Wanamaker property, 5½ per cent., due October, 1932, interest due April 1 and October 1, Bonds Nos. 4131, 4132, 4133, 6185, 6326, 6327, 6328, 6329, 6330 and 6331. Bonds guaranteed by the Philadelphia Company for Guranteeing Mortgages	10,000 00
Ten	(10)	$1000 Bonds of the two million dollar mortgage (first) of the Hotel Adelphia paying 5¾ per cent. interest, due January 1, 1927, interest due January 1 and July 1. Bonds Nos. 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619 and 1620. Bonds guaranteed by the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages	10,000 00
Ten	(10)	$1000 Bonds (First Mortgage) on the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel paying 5¾ per cent. interest, principal due December 15, 1925, interest due June 15 and December 15. Bonds Nos. 3432, 3433, 3434, 3435, 3436, 3437, 3438, 3439, 3440 and 3441. Bonds guaranteed by the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages	10,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000 Bonds, Alabama Power Company, first mortgage lien and refunding Gold Bond, 6 per cent. interest, due 1951, interest due June 1 and December 1. Bonds Nos. 13,117, 14,218, 14,220, 14,221 and 14,222	5,000 00
Ten	(10)	$1000 Bonds of the two million five hundred thousand dollar mortgage (first) on the Greenfield Building paying 6 per cent. interest. Due September 15, 1932. Interest due March 15 and September 15. Bonds Nos. 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241	

	and 1242. Bonds guaranteed by the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages	10,000 00
Ten (10) $1000	Bonds Argentine Nation, 6 per cent. Gold Bonds of 1923, Series A. Due September 1, 1957. Interest due March 1 and September 1. Bonds Nos. M36,212, M36,123, M36,129, M36,130, M36,131, M36,132, M36,133, M36,134, M36,135 and M36,136	10,000 00
Eight (8) $1000	Bonds, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul 6 per cent. First Mortgage Gold Security Loan of 1924. Due January 1, 1934. Interest due January 1 and July 1. Bonds Nos. 10,995, 10,997, 10,999, 11,000, 11,001, 11,002 and 11,003	8,000 00
	First Mortgage on property 2103 Diamond Street recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds accompanied by Fire Insurance Policy	2,500 00
Ten (10) $1000	Mortgage Bonds of the one hundred thousand dollar mortgage on the Belle Claire Apts., N. W. Corner Fortieth Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, paying 6 per cent. interest. Due May 1, 1948. Interest due August 31, November 30, February 28 and May 31 of each year. Bonds Nos. 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 79, 81, 82 and 83. Bonds guaranteed by the Bankers Bond and Mortgage Company of Philadelphia	10,000 00
	Total Par Value	$119,500 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

COLLECTED AND PAID TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

1923.			
Dec.	3,	Check, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern	$17 50
"	3,	Coupons, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk	20 00
"	3,	" 2d 4¼ Liberty Loan	212 50
"	31,	" Liberty Loan	17 50
"	31,	" 1st 4¼ Liberty Loan	212 50
"	31,	" Bell Telephone Co.	125 00
"	31,	" " "	125 00
"	31,	" City of Philadelphia	2 00

1924.			
Jan.	2,	Checks, City of Philadelphia	154 00
"	2,	" " " "	26 25
Mar.	14,	Coupons, St. Paul Railway	125 00
"	14,	" Southern Indiana	60 00
"	14,	" Laclede Gas Light Company	55 00
"	14,	" 3d 4¼ Liberty Loan	170 00
"	31,	" Reading Company	100 00
"	31,	" Pennsylvania Company	100 00
April	1,	Checks, Wanamaker Building Mortgage	32 08
"	1,	" Electric & Peoples Traction Company	100 00
"	23,	" Wanamaker Building Mortgage	21 39
"	23,	Coupon, 4th 4¼ Liberty Loan	278 37
May	2,	Check, Pennsylvania Company	60 00
"	15,	Coupons, Market Street Elevated Railway	40 00
"	15,	" Lehigh Valley	100 00
June	2,	Checks, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern	17 50
"	2,	" Interest on bonds sold	690 53
"	13,	Coupons, Alabama Power Co.	61 67
"	13,	New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk	20 00
"	13,	Coupons, Chicago and Northwestern	20 14
"	16,	Check, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel Mortgage	94 24
"	30,	Coupons, Bell Telephone Company	125 00
"	30,	" Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	78 67
July	1,	Check, Adelphia Hotel Mortgage	142 15
"	14,	Coupons, St. Paul Railway	125 00
Aug.	11,	" Chesapeake and Ohio	73 12
"	11,	" Laclede Gas Light Company	55 00
"	11,	" Southern Indiana	60 00
Sept.	16,	Checks, Greenfield Building Mortgage	285 00
Oct.	1,	" Wanamaker Building Mortgage	275 00
"	1,	Coupons, Argentine Nation	255 00
"	1,	" Pennsylvania Company	100 00
"	1,	" Reading Company	100 00
"	1,	Checks, Chicago and Alton	30 80
"	3,	" Electric & Peoples Traction Company	100 00
"	30,	Coupons, Market Street Elevated Railway	40 00
"	30,	" Lehigh Valley	100 00
Nov.	1,	Check, Pennsylvania Company	60 00
"	10,	Coupon, Bell Telephone Company sold	86 81
			$5,149 72

An inventory of the property of Grand Chapter at the beginning of the year disclosed a valuation of $9729.25. The appraised value therefor today allowing for depreciation would be $8802.21, covered by insurance.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. WELLS,
DAVID J. DAVIS,
GEORGE W. SEEDS,
Trustees.''

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

''QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from August 21, 1924, to November 20, 1924, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Certificates	$4 00	
'' Interest on Deposits	290 33	
'' Interest on Investments	1,432 61	
'' Warrant for New Chapter	200 00	
'' Sale of Ledger Sheets	12 00	
	$1,938 94	
To which add Balance August 20, 1924	13,805 76	
		$15,744 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	$2,000 00
'' '' D. D. Grand High Priests	975 50
'' '' P. G. H. P. and other Grand Officers	427 99
'' '' Instruction in the Work	104 11
'' Printing, Postage and Stationery	201 66
'' Rent	3,000 00
'' Salaries	1,695 00
'' Telephone	27 56

For Auditing	$25 00	
" Office Supplies	19 50	
	$8,476 32	
To which add Balance November 20, 1924	7,268 38	
		$15,744 70

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,
Committee."

The Committee on Finance presented the following Annual Report and Estimates for the year 1925, which was received, ordered spread in full upon the minutes, and the resolution attached thereto was unanimously adopted:

"ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of $119,500 as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1924, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$33,605 00	
" Certificates	24 00	
" Constitutions	2 00	
" Dispensations	5 00	
" Interest on Deposits	290 33	
" Interest on Investments	5,149 72	
" Warrants	200 00	
" Sale of Steel Cabinets	200 00	

From Sale of Book Case	$50 00	
" Sale of Ledger Sheets	26 00	
" Rebate on Insurance	3 07	
	$39,555.12	
Balance, November 22, 1923	7,376 70	
		$46,931 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	$130 50	
" Clothing and Furniture	1,638 79	
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	4,000 00	
" " D. D. Grand High Priests	2,835 76	
" " P. G. H. P. and other Grand Officers	1,183 56	
" " Instruction in the Work	1,303 29	
" Investments	10,000 00	
" Masonic Home, Elizabethtown, Pa.	1,000 00	
" Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	1,000 00	
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	2,637 34	
" Rent	3,000 00	
" Salaries	7,150 00	
" Telephone	132 79	
" Safe Deposit Box	10 00	
" Bonding Treasurer	12 50	
" Organist and Assistant Tyler	84 00	
" Auditing	140 00	
" Typewriter and Tables	141 30	
" Office Supplies	80 56	
" Electric Desk Lamps	42 00	
" Funeral Expenses	63 26	
" Insurance	228 13	
" Indexes	127 86	
" Printing and Indexing Constitution	2,681 80	
" Petty Cash	40 00	
	$39,663 44	
Balance, November 20, 1924	7,268 38	
		$46,931 82
Balance on deposit Franklin Trust Company, November 20, 1924		$7,268 38
The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund, per last report, November 22, 1923	$1,329 69	
Add interest credited November 20, 1924	26 00	
Balance on Deposit Franklin Trust Company, November 20, 1924		$1,355 69

ESTIMATES FOR 1925.

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1925:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges		$33,500 00	
" Interest on Investments and Deposits		5,200 00	
		$38,700 00	
Balance November 20, 1924	$7,268 38		
Less Salaries due	1,175 00	6,093 38	
			$44,793 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia		$1,000 00	
" Charity		500 00	
" Expenses, M. E. Grand High Priest		4,000 00	
" " D. D. Grand High Priests		3,500 00	
" " P. G. H. P. and other Grand Officers		1,500 00	
" Salaries, Grand Secretary's Office	$6,500 00		
" " Grand Tyler	300 00	6,800 00	
" Rent		3,000 00	
" Printing, Postage and Stationery		2,500 00	
" Instruction in the Work		3,500 00	
" Clothing and Furniture		1,500 00	
" Investments		12,000 00	
" Telephone Services		200 00	
" Entertainment, Guests from Other Jurisdictions		1,200 00	
" Other Expenses		1,500 00	
		$42,700 00	
" Estimated Balance		2,093 38	
			$44,793 38

The Committee offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts in the foregoing estimates as they become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. Criswell Smith,
William M. Donaldson,
E. Marshall Harvey,
McCluney Radcliffe,
Robert E. Umbel,
Committee."

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto unanimously adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 4, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws have examined the proposed By-laws and proposed amendments to the By-laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 185, 205, 220, 232, 262 and 267 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 152, 170, 222 and 258, Article III, Section 3, be amended by striking out the words 'St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding' and inserting in lieu thereof the words, 'night of'; Article III, Section 4, by striking out the words 'St. John the Evangelist's Day next' and inserting in lieu thereof the words, 'the night of the Annual Election'; Article IV, Section 4, by striking out the words, 'St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding such meeting' and inserting in lieu thereof the words, 'night of the Annual Election,' and as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 166, 167, 193, 198, 199, 217, 234, 237, 243, 259, 284, 285, 296, 303 and 306 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 212 be not approved, as Article IX, Section 1 referring to Life Membership is contrary to the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
JOHN A. PERRY,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
Committee."

The Committee on Printing and Publishing made the following report:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 4, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that the contract for printing and binding the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for the year 1923 was completed by the contractor to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

The total expenditure for the year for printing, postage and stationery (excluding the cost of the revision of the Constitution) was $2,681.80.

Many new forms were required by revision of the Constitution, the cost of which is included in the above amount.

We also completed and distributed during the year the revised Constitution of the Grand Chapter, at a cost of $2,637.34.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
ROBERT W. VOGT,
Committee."

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John's Day next, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint the following Tellers to conduct the election for Grand Officers:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Comp. EDMUND W. BOOTS.
" LOUIS M. WAGNER.
" CLARENCE R. BROOKS.

Most Excellent Grand King.

Comp. FREDERICK J. WANDALL.
" HENRY H. RAESLY.
" GEORGE H. BANES.

Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

Comp. Arthur W. Gillan.
" Luke H. Frasher.
" Edward Buchholz.

Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Comp. Albert S. Houldsworth.
" Murray Gorgas.
" Irvin Brandeis.

Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

Comp. William J. Byrnes, Jr.
" George M. Layman.
" George Cardwell.

The Tellers appointed to conduct the election for Grand Officers having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the following named Companions duly elected:

George P. Darrow, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Walton K. Swetland, Most Excellent Grand King.

August P. Kunzig, Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

Thomas McConnell, Jr., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Joseph E. Quinby, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the death on November 10, 1924, of Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, District Deputy Grand High Priest of District C, and directed that a suitable record be made in the minutes.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced that he had appointed Companion ALFRED C. MARPLE as District Deputy Grand High Priest of District C, in place of Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, deceased; also the appointment of Companion RUSSELL RUDOLPH as District Deputy Grand High Priest of District No. 15, in place of Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, resigned.

At the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion EDGAR A. TENNIS, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, read the following In Memoriam to Companion HIBBERT P. JOHN, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest:

"IN MEMORIAM.

HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Born December 4, 1840. Died July 27, 1924.

He is not dead, this man we loved so well.
He's just gone home a little while before.
Here is the room where he was won't to dwell—
The cheery fire, the friendly open door.
So often has he held it so, flung wide,
With hands outstretched and kindly face aglow.
We like to think he'll welcome us inside
The gates of hope, when it's our turn to go.

The death of a loved one could not be endured, were it not that Hope dared to reach beyond the grave. How exceedingly fluctuating and uncer-

tain are the events of human life; man walks forth and enjoys the fragrance of the new-born day; all is calm and sunshine. Who can see the congregating elements of the gathering storm that lie beneath the smiling surface? None, but that All Seeing Eye that penetrates the future and to whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. Life is a tissue of ever changing events; it is like a dream when one awaketh, or a tale that is told. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not. Alas, how true, all flesh is grass, and the glory of man as the flower of grass.

"Thank God that in His great compassion He
Has hung before our sight a curtain low,
And only one step at a time we see
Along the path on which we all must go,
Thank God, we do not know."

After a delightful acquaintance and brotherly association with Past Grand High Priest Companion HIBBERT P. JOHN for more than two score years, it is indeed a solemn duty to think and write of him as dead to us in physical form, but, in observance of a well-established custom, we now make an official record of his departure from us while to those of us who were brought into personal touch there remains a sweet memory of a special friendship.

Companion JOHN was born in historic Chester County, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1840, and during his entire life of more than four score years lived within a few miles of his birthplace, becoming, while yet young, a druggist, and for a period of sixty-four years was identified with the well-known drug houses of Dr. D. Jayne & Son, of this city. His death came peacefully and with little previous suffering on Sunday evening, July 27, 1924.

All that is mortal reposes in beautiful West Laurel Hill Cemetery, on the banks of our Schuylkill, there laid by his brethren of Williamson Lodge, No. 369, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1871, and in the presence of our M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN M. CORE, and all the officers of Grand Chapter with many sorrowing friends and acquaintances.

"One by one we lose the hand-clasps
That so warm a welcome gave;
One by one, the voices silence
In the stillness of the grave.

"One by one, we miss the faces
Of the forms we once caressed;
One by one, their names are written:
'Ceased to labor,' 'Home,' 'At Rest.' "

Companion JOHN was born and reared under Christian influences, both parents being devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Hence early in life was laid deep and strong a character foundation upon which he built a superstructure of personal magnetism and sterling characteristics. Not only did Companion JOHN endear himself to his brethren and friends by reason of a charming personality, but he exemplified throughout his many years of Masonic activity the Cardinal virtues of the society he loved by faithfully performing and religiously fulfilling every solemn and sacred obligation assumed; he was ever ready to defend the innocent, help the needy, comfort the sorrowing, raise the fallen, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted, yet having done all this—

How purposeless the strife would be if there were nothing more,
If there were not a plan to serve, no end to struggle for.
No reason for a mortal's birth except to have him die,
How silly all the goals would seem for which men bravely try.
There must be something after death, behind the toil of man;
There must exist a God Divine Who's working out a plan;
And this brief journey that we know as life must really be
The gateway to a finer world that some day we shall see.

Companion JOHN was twice married, the second wife being Miss Priscilla Frick, of Philadelphia, to whom he was married in 1888. It has been my pleasure and privilege to know the present sorrowing widow, who has so long and worthily worn his honored name and shared with him the trials and triumphs of his useful life; we most affectionately commend her to your fraternal sympathies while she lingers on the shores of time, awaiting a glorious reunion with the loved and lost beyond the swelling tide, we assure her that while our Companion and hers has passed within that door that never swings outward, his name will be remembered and recalled and that

"Somewhere in the flood of years
Somewhere in the river's flow
God shall wipe away our tears
Then we shall see and know."

Aside from the duty that may devolve upon us to honor the memory of a Companion who has been notably active in the affairs of Grand Chapter and other Masonic Bodies, his death seems an appropriate time at which to emphasize some of our fundamental principles of our Masonic faith and notably our belief in God and in the Immortality of the Soul.

A reasonable amount of time may well be granted for such a purpose, much as we have to do, and little as is the time allowed in which to do it, there is nothing more important than fortifying our Masonic faith, making secure our foundations of belief and causing permanent record to be made of our convictions.

God, Immortality and Duty are the three inspiring trumpet calls to men and Masons. The idea of Immortality is as old as the human race and as reasonable as any proposition that finds universal acceptance, Masonry did not originate the belief, though of the institutions in this world it stands oldest to have taught this fundamental truth.

"Death cannot end all, no, no, we cannot die.
In death's unrobing room we strip from 'round us
The garments of mortality and earth;
And breaking from the embryo state that bound us
Our day of dying becomes our day of birth."

Few Companions have had a like extended, active and useful Masonic history as the following will attest:

Companion JOHN was initiated in Williamson Lodge, No. 369, December 31, 1867.

Crafted ..... January 31, 1868
Raised ..... February 29, 1868
Junior Warden 1868
Senior Warden 1870
Worshipful Master 1871
Representative of Williamson Lodge, No. 369, in Grand Lodge from 1871 until death.

GRAND LODGE.

Member Committee on Temple from 1873 to 1916, a period of forty-three years.

CAPITULAR MASONRY.

Philadelphia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 169.
Marked ..... October 16, 1868
Most Excellent ..... October 16, 1868
Royal Arch ..... December 21, 1868
M. E. High Priest 1871

GRAND CHAPTER.

M. E. Grand Scribe ..... 1877 to 1878
M. E. Grand King ..... 1879 to 1880
M. E. Grand High Priest ..... 1881 to 1882

Representative of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee from 1881 until death.
Member of the Committee on Appeals, 1883 and 1884.
Member of Committee on Jurisprudence from 1883 until death.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

St. Alban Commandery, No. 47.

Received Order of Red Cross	June	14, 1873
Received Order of Temple	August	26, 1873
Received Order of Malta	August	26, 1873
Captain General		1875
Eminent Commander		1877

It is difficult for us who have been associated with Companion JOHN for so many years to think of him as having gone, and while I write these lines I see through my mind's eye the genial, smiling face of the departed; indeed, I never saw his face, in an acquaintance of over forty years, other than cheerful; his soul was filled with melody and his heart beat in sympathy with nature's best impulses, hence he was always a welcome member of any group in social and Masonic Conference, making his presence a valuable asset and his absence now a regrettable illfortune.

He was for many years the Dean of Past Grand High Priests and for more than half a century has labored diligently in our Masonic vineyard a quiet, genial, modest, unassuming gentleman who has rendered a zealous, consistent and efficient service to his friends, his Companions and to common humanity. His working tools are now idle, he has rounded out a complete Masonic life, he dies loved and honored by all. Light be the ashes upon thee and may the sunshine of heaven beam bright on thy waking.

To further enumerate the Masonic activities of our beloved Companion would make this sketch quite too long. His devotion to Masonry was to him a labor of love and to his brethren a source of pleasure and inspiration. No person will be missed from this Temple more than he who has fought a good fight and has kept the faith.

"Now the Laborer's task is o'er
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in thy gracious keeping
Leave we now our Companion, sleeping."

At the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the following Companions addressed Grand Chapter:

R. E. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Second Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

M. E. Companion Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

M. E. Companion Frederick L. Dutcher, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion William O. Goff, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion Henry Newton Sweeting, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Died May 4, 1924.

M. E. Companion Elmer Crockett, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. Died June 3, 1924.

M. E. Companion Joseph A. Crane, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died July 20, 1924.

M. E. Companion John W. Hays, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died August 3, 1924.

M. E. Companion Francis Ingalls, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. Died August 9, 1924.

Companion EDWARD WORRELL WROTH, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died August 18, 1924.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Died September 1, 1924.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM SEE MATHEWS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia. Died September 13, 1924.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL SHANNON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died September 14, 1924.

M. E. Companion AUGUSTUS ENRICO BLAKESLEE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died October 4, 1924.

R. E. Companion FRANK VINTON HALE, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died October 13, 1924.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at six o'clock P. M.

Joseph E. Quimby
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this evening.

PRESENT:

Comp.	JOHN M. CORE, . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	GEORGE P. DARROW, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND, .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON, .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	FRANCIS M. TAITT, . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	ROBERT D. COLE, . as	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, .	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	ROBERT A. WALKER, . .	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ELMER C. WATT, . . .	*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
"	HARVEY F. PEIFLY, . as	*Grand Master of Second Vail.*
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP, . .	*Grand Master of First Vail.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . .	*Grand Marshal.*
"	GEORGE B. HANNUM, . .	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, . .	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	HAYES H. DUNCAN, . .	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . .	*Grand Tyler.*

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions EDGAR A. TENNIS, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., DAVID J. DAVIS and JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, ROBERT G. SMITH, ALFRED C. MARPLE, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, FRANK C. YINGST, JAMES W. MYERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS and HARVEY F. PEIFLY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" JOHN A. PERRY, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" DAVID J. DAVIS, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" JOHN M. CORE, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Companions of Chapters Nos.:—3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 165, 167, 169, 171, 175, 177, 179, 182, 183, 185, 190, 202, 208, 220, 223, 225, 226, 232, 233, 234, 238, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 266, 270, 271, 274, 280, 282, 284, 299 and 307. (46 Chapters, 122 members.) (19 visitors from Pennsylvania, 1 from New Jersey.)

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Thursday, December 4, 1924, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 189 and 255 and amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 275 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 27, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws have examined the proposed By-laws and proposed amendments to the By-laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed By-laws of Chapters Nos. 189 and 255 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapter No. 275 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,
CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
JOHN A. PERRY,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
Committee."

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN M. CORE, presented an address, reviewing the work of the year, showing much constructive work had been done during that period:

My Companions:

The time has arrived when I report the activities of Grand Chapter, summing up the work done. Whether this work is good or not, time alone can determine.

We can say to you, Companions of Grand Chapter, that peace and harmony prevail throughout our entire Jurisdiction. Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are most fraternal and have been strengthened by interchange of fraternal visits by Grand Officers. The day of isolation by Grand bodies is rapidly passing and soon we trust will be only a memory, never to return.

Providence has watched over us and been exceedingly kind and loving, yet we have been called to part from those whom we had come to revere and love and upon whose counsel we always relied.

Two of our Past Grand High Priests have entered into rest and into a more abundant life during the year.

On May 17th WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, and for many years Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, quietly fell asleep. Up until a very few hours before his death he was active in his usual avocations. Accompanied by all the elective Grand Officers of Grand Chapter, a number of M. E. Past Grand High Priests, I attended his funeral at Kittanning on Monday, May 19th. As an evidence of the love and esteem in which our Companion was held, the first Chapter warranted after his death has been named for him.

On Sunday, July 27th, M. E. Past Grand High Priest HIBBERT P. JOHN entered into rest. He was

the Senior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, having served during the years 1881 and 1882, and at the time of his death was Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Companion JOHN was always in attendance at all meetings and was most zealous in the performance of every duty assigned to him.

I issued the usual notices to subordinate Chapters after the death of each of the above Companions. At my request M. E. Past Grand High Priest GEORGE B. WELLS prepared an In Memoriam on the life of M. E. Past Grand High Priest MEREDITH which was read in Grand Chapter at the September Quarterly Communication, and M. E. Past Grand High Priest EDGAR A. TENNIS did a like service to Grand Chapter for M. E. Past Grand High Priest JOHN which was read at the December Quarterly Communication. Both of these appear elsewhere in the proceedings.

On November 10th, Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, for many years the active and efficient District Deputy Grand High Priest of District C, was called home. While Companion LOUCHHEIM's health for the past two years had not been good, his sudden death was a great shock to a wide circle of friends. He served Capitular Masonry faithfully and well.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

The new Constitution and regulations adopted December 6, 1923, and which by resolution went into effect December 27th, has now had a full year's trial

and seems to be working very well. The changes made by it have caused a considerable amount of correspondence. One Chapter whose Secretary failed to take note of the provision that the warrant of a Chapter failing to pay its dues by April 10th was *ipso facto* suspended, incurred that penalty. The delinquent Chapter promptly paid the dues and petitioned Grand Chapter to restore its warrant. The matter was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act. The Grand Officers met with representatives of the Chapter and after full discussion Grand Officers were convinced it was entirely the fault of the Secretary in neglecting to comply with the law. The Grand Officers unanimously agreed to restore the warrant and the Chapter seems to be functioning better than before.

Some other provisions of the Constitution seem at least for the present to be giving Chapters some bother. This is particularly true of life membership. We have been called upon to set aside the action of quite a number of Chapters because they have made life members without the payment of any fee. There is only one case where a member of a Chapter may be made a life member without the payment of a fee and that is in the case of a Past High Priest as an acknowledgment of meritorious services, if provided for in the by-laws.

The new Constitution adopted by Grand Chapter December 6, 1923, has been printed and five copies sent to each of the subordinate Chapters.

The thanks of Grand Chapter are due to Companion RUFUS T. STROHM, Principal of the Capitular School at Scranton, for the preparation of the comprehensive Index to the book. His work in this matter was of great value.

Since printing the Constitution an error has been discovered which I feel should be corrected. It occurs in Article X, Section 7, page 41 (top of page 42). In the printed copy of the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution as adopted by Grand Chapter it reads:

"Sec. 7. A member of a Chapter ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension, resignation or by ceasing to be a member of a Master Masons' Lodge for more than six months."

In printing the final copies which were sent out the words "for more than six months" were omitted.

After examining my copy of the report used when the whole Constitution was before Grand Chapter for adoption and in which I noted all changes made, I find the said section as reported by the Committee was adopted without change.

I accordingly have directed that notice be sent to each subordinate Chapter in the Jurisdiction that Section 7 of Article XV as adopted by Grand Chapter reads:

"Sec. 7. A member of a Chapter ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension, resignation or by ceasing to be a member of a Master Masons'

Lodge for more than six months. But no member shall be permitted to withdraw from membership until his dues have been paid or remitted by his Chapter or pending any inquiry in which his character may be implicated. Chapters shall have penal jurisdiction over their former members so long as they remain unaffiliated.''

That the Secretary of each subordinate Royal Arch Chapter correct the copies sent to said Chapter by inserting at the top of page 42 after the words ''Master Masons' Lodge'' the words *''for more than six months.''*

New Chapter.

At the Quarterly Communication in September some sixty-two Companions residing in and near New Kensington, Westmoreland County, presented a petition to Grand Chapter for a warrant for a new Chapter. The matter was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Grand Officers met all Companions interested in the matter and a full hearing was given. After due deliberation the Grand Officers unanimously agreed the warrant should be granted.

I accordingly fixed Friday, October 24th, as the time for the Constitution. Accompanied by all elective Grand Officers I constituted the new Chapter. A complete report of the constitution will be found in the minutes of the special meeting of Grand Chapter appearing elsewhere in the proceedings. The statement that this Chapter is located in a community with a population of sixty-five thousand within five

miles of the Chapter Hall, and no other Chapter within twenty miles, would convince anyone of the necessity for this new Chapter. We note that it has forty petitions now pending.

The Companions of this new Chapter insisted that it should be called "WILLIAM B. MEREDITH R. A. CHAPTER." Past Grand High Priest MEREDITH was personally known and loved by every one of the petitioners, and the Grand Officers willingly granted their request.

REHEARSALS.

Continuing the effort to bring the work of all subordinate R. A. Chapters to that degree of uniformity and perfection desired by every earnest Companion, we have held a rehearsal of the three degrees in each of the twenty-six districts into which the State is divided.

This plan of bringing about a complete uniformity of the work originated by M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, has been followed.

For a number of years the M. E. Grand High Priest had been directing that no Companion should be installed High Priest of his Chapter unless he was qualified to do the work of the station. The duty of carrying out this order was laid upon the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the different Districts into which the State is divided. While the Dep-

uties strove valiantly to enforce the order, for one reason or another it was not carried out with the thoroughness desired by Grand Officers.

M. E. Past Grand High Priest QUINBY decided that it would be well to have rehearsals held in each district under the supervision of the District Deputy at which all three degrees would be rehearsed by the officers of three different Chapters in that district. That at such rehearsal the Scribe of the Chapter rehearsing the Mark Degree should take the place of the Worshipful Master and the other regularly appointed officers of the Chapter their respective places. In the rehearsal of the Most Excellent Degree the King of the Chapter rehearsing should take the station of the Most Excellent Master and the other regular officers of the Chapter their respective stations and places. In the rehearsal of the Royal Arch Degree the High Priest of the Chapter rehearsing should take his station and the other officers of the Chapter their respective stations and places.

At these rehearsals the M. E. Grand High Priest was present, accompanied by the Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, as well as other instructors and such Grand Officers as could find it convenient to be present. There was usually also one of the Grand Chaplains or some other competent Companion who delivered an address to the Companions.

These rehearsals were called for two o'clock in the afternoon and the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees rehearsed. After dinner the address was made and the Royal Arch Degree rehearsed. It was expected that all the officers of the different Chapters in the District should attend these rehearsals.

During the rehearsal the Principal of the School made any corrections necessary both in language and floor movements.

By this method is was hoped that every officer of subordinate Chapters in the State would have an opportunity to see and hear the degrees rehearsed correctly and thus bring the whole State to a higher degree of perfection.

This program was not started without very careful consideration and preparation on the part of the M. E. Grand High Priest. There were many difficulties to overcome and many rough places to be smoothed out. One of the hardest things to overcome was the idea in the minds of the officers of some of the Chapters that the Grand High Priest was not there to see a "Degree Team" made up of Past High Priests and specially selected Companions, rehearse, but to see the regular officers of the Chapters rehearse the work and correct any errors.

M. E. Past Grand High Priest QUINBY held two rehearsals in every District in the State, at which he was always accompanied by an instructor and one or

more Grand Officers. It was my privilege to be present at nearly all of these rehearsals.

At these rehearsals no work was done. By this I mean no candidates were initiated. The rehearsals were conducted purely as schools of instruction. Errors were corrected when made and when necessary a part was repeated over until the officer had mastered it. Any Companion was at liberty to ask questions, and, in fact, was urged to do so.

After accompanying M. E. Past Grand High Priest QUINBY at these rehearsals for two years, during which we saw the officers from nearly every subordinate Chapter in the State rehearse one or more degrees, I was impressed with the wonderful benefits, not only to the officers of the subordinate Chapters, but to Grand Officers as well, that I decided whatever else I might fail to do I would carry out the District rehearsals. This I have done both last year and this.

During the years I was accompanying M. E. Past Grand High Priest QUINBY I examined the minutes and other records of many subordinate Chapters. This examination disclosed the fact that in some Chapters the records were not well kept. It also disclosed the further information that in many Chapters there was not that careful attention given to the financial affairs of Chapters which a well-regulated organization should have if it is to be healthy and do good, effective work.

I accordingly prepared a form for Auditors' Reports, required by the Constitution, and sent it to every Chapter in the State.

The adoption of the new Constitution necessitated issuing a new "Form for Recording Minutes" in the subordinate Chapters. This was prepared by the M. E. Grand Secretary and issued early in the year.

The ritualistic work, after three pretty strenuous years, having gotten into good shape, we decided to add another feature. At each of the rehearsals this year, with but two exceptions, we directed the District Deputy Grand High Priest to direct the secretaries of all the subordinate Chapters in the District to attend and meet with the M. E. Grand Secretary for discussion of the new "Form for Recording Minutes," questions arising from the adoption of the new Constitution and general discussion of secretaries' duties and responsibilities. I am glad to report that these meetings were very generally attended. The good done by thus getting together cannot be told. Many misunderstandings were cleared up and secretaries by thus coming in direct contact with the M. E. Grand Secretary, talking over their individual difficulties, went back to their respective Chapters feeling the Grand Officers were there to help them in every way possible. No single feature stands out as having accomplished so much this year as the meetings with the secretaries. I trust that the M. E. Grand Secretary may make a report of his work along this line.

The outstanding features of these rehearsals appear to me to be:

The impressing upon officers of subordinate Chapters that each officer must qualify himself to perform the duties of his office.

The establishment of a much closer personal contact between Grand Officers and officers of subordinate Chapters.

Grand Officers getting into every part of the State and learning from the subordinate Chapters their individual difficulties and problems.

Inciting in the Chapters a laudable spirit of emulation as to who can best work and best agree.

Perfecting and unifying the ritualistic work throughout the Jurisdiction.

Establishing a uniform method of keeping the records of the subordinate Chapters, not only the Minutes but Trustees' and Auditors' Reports and all financial matters pertaining to the Chapters.

The faithfulness of the instructors and loyalty of the Capitular Schools as well as the unselfish devotion of the other Grand Officers is so common that we take it for granted. I feel, however, that I should add my word of appreciation. When it is understood that all this work and time are devoted by these loyal, earnest Companions without a penny of compensation, but solely from their love of our noble Fraternity

and a desire to serve the best interests of Capitular Masonry, then am I filled with admiration of their self-sacrifice and devotion.

Our District meetings for the rehearsal of degrees were held this year beginning January 26th and ending June 2d. I was enabled to attend all of them. I was accompanied at all but one by M. E. Grand Secretary Past Grand High Priest Joseph E. Quinby, upon whom I have leaned heavily and who has always been ready, willing and able to assist.

The District meetings were held as follows:

District A. Located in Philadelphia. Held January 26th in Masonic Temple. Companion Albert S. Houldsworth, District Deputy Grand High Priest. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, rehearsed the Mark; Siloam R. A. Chapter, No. 226, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Melita R. A. Chapter, No. 284, rehearsed the Royal Arch. After dinner the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas McConnell, Jr., delivered an able address. The work was well rendered by all the different officers. In the afternoon I was received by the officers of Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, and in the evening by the officers of Melita R. A. Chapter, No. 284.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand King, Companion George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas McConnell, Jr., M. E. Grand

Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companions Albert S. Houldsworth, Samuel K. Louchheim, William J. Byrnes, Jr., District Deputy Grand High Priests; Grand Master of First Vail, Companion William B. Kropp, and Principal of the Philadelphia Capitular School, Companion Robert D. Cole.

District B. Located in Philadelphia, Companion Robert G. Smith, District Deputy Grand High Priest, was held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, on March 8th.

The degrees were rehearsed by the following Chapters:

Philadelphia R. A. Chapter, No. 169, rehearsed the Mark; University R. A. Chapter, No. 256, rehearsed the Most Excellent and Jerusalem R. A. Chapter, No. 3, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

This District has two distinctions: University R. A. Chapter, No. 256, has the largest membership in Pennsylvania, and Jerusalem R. A. Chapter, No. 3, is the oldest Royal Arch Chapter in the United States, if not in the world. The work of the Chapters was well done.

In the afternoon the Grand Officers were received by Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 183, and in the evening by the officers of Jerusalem R. A. Chapter, No. 3, these two Chapters being the hosts to this rehearsal.

After dinner Grand Chaplain Companion JOHN G. WILSON delivered a splendid address.

I was accompanied by the M. E. Grand King, Companion GEORGE P. DARROW; M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND; M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; Grand Chaplain, Companion JOHN C. WILSON; District Deputy Grand High Priests, Companions ROBERT G. SMITH and ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH; and Companions ROBERT D. COLE, IRVIN BRANDEIS, CLARENCE R. BROOKS and HENRY S. HAZLETT, Instructors in the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

DISTRICT C. Located at Philadelphia, Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, District Deputy Grand High Priest, was held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, February 2d.

The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Germantown R. A. Chapter, No. 208, rehearsed the Mark; Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 250, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Ivanhoe R. A. Chapter, No. 308, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand King, Companion GEORGE P. DARROW; M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion SAMUEL K.

Louchheim, and Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia, Companion Robert D. Cole.

All the rehearsals in Philadelphia were well attended and much zeal shown in the rendition of ritualistic work.

District No. 1. Counties of Bucks and Montgomery and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County; Companion J. Howard S. Barnes, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting was held April 23d, in Doylestown. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Pottstown R. A. Chapter, No. 271, rehearsed the Mark; Phoenix R. A. Chapter, No. 198, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Lansdale R. A. Chapter, No. 301, rehearsed the Royal Arch. This is the fourth rehearsal I have witnessed in this District, and each of them was practically perfect.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion J. Howard S. Barnes, and Companions Robert D. Cole and Irvin Brandeis, Instructors in the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

District No. 2. Counties of Chester, Delaware and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County; Companion

William J. Byrnes, Jr., District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting was held March 7th at Kennett Square. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Montgomery R. A. Chapter, No. 262, rehearsed the Mark; Media R. A. Chapter, No. 234, the Most Excellent, and Oxford R. A. Chapter, No. 223, the Royal Arch. The work was very good.

Immediately after dinner, before the rehearsal of the Royal Arch Degree, Grand Chaplain Companion William H. Micheals delivered a most interesting address. The attendance and interest shown left nothing to be desired.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand King, Companion George P. Darrow; M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Walton K. Swetland; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion George B. Wells; Grand Royal Arch Captain, Companion Robert A. Walker; Grand Marshal, Companion August P. Kunzig; Grand Chaplain, Companion William H. Micheals; District Deputy Grand High Priests, Companions William J. Byrnes, Jr., and Albert S. Houldsworth; Instructors in the Capitular School at Philadelphia, Companions Robert D. Cole and Irvin Brandeis, and Companion Frederick P. Glasser, Instructor in the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

District No. 3. Counties of Berks, Lancaster and Lebanon; Companion J. Edward Billheimer, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting for this District was held in the City of Lancaster, March 22d.

The degrees were rehearsed as follows:

The officers of Reading R. A. Chapter, No. 152, and of Excelsior R. A. Chapter, No. 237, working together rehearsed the Mark; a few of the officers of Weidle R. A. Chapter, No. 197, assisted by such Companions present as could be drafted into service, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and the officers of R. A. Chapter, No. 43, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

The work throughout was poor, and very little interest shown. I regret to say that this District has failed to keep up with the remainder of the State.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby, and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

District No. 4. Counties of Adams, York and Chapter No. 224, in Lancaster County; Companion John H. Bennett, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting was held in the City of York, March 17th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 199, rehearsed the Mark; Yorktown R. A. Chapter, No. 304, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Good Samaritan R. A. Chapter, No. 266, rehearsed the Royal Arch. As is usual in this District, the rehearsal left nothing to be desired. We have never known of a single degree being rehearsed in an indifferent manner in this District. The attendance and interest were excellent.

Immediately after dinner and before rehearsal of the Royal Arch Degree, Grand Chaplain Companion Edward W. Rushton, delivered a splendid address.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companion John H. Bennett, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Grand Chaplain, Companion Edward W. Rushton; and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

District No. 5. Counties of Lehigh and Pike, and Chapter No. 295. Companion Charles R. Roberts, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting was held February 11th, at Allentown. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Siegfried R. A. Chapter, No. 295, rehearsed the Mark; Slatington R. A. Chapter, No. 292, rehearsed the Most Excellent; Jordan R. A. Chapter, No. 302, rehearsed the Royal Arch. The work was fair. The

rehearsal of the Most Excellent Degree was by a Past High Priest—a fact I did not discover until after the degree had been rehearsed.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; Companions CHARLES R. ROBERTS and HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priests, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

DISTRICT No. 6. Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming; Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting was held in the City of Scranton, March 20th.

The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Warren R. A. Chapter, No. 180, rehearsed the Mark; Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 179, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Lackawanna R. A. Chapter, No. 185, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

Immediately after dinner Grand Chaplain Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, delivered an excellent address to the Companions.

The work was splendid. A careful review of the work of this whole District shows it to be in fine shape.

One of the three Capitular Schools in the State being located at Scranton, the influence exerted by it is very apparent.

All the instructors in the School at Scranton were present. In addition I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion DAVID J. DAVIS; District Deputy Grand High Priests, Companions CHARLES H. TILTON and CHARLES H. WEAVER; Grand Chaplains, Companions GEORGE W. WELLBURN and EDWARD W. RUSHTON; Grand Principal Sojourner, Companion P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

The interest and attendance left nothing to be desired.

DISTRICT No. 7. Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan and Chapters Nos. 161 and 293, in Bradford County, and Chapter No. 172, of Wyoming County; Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held in the City of Wilkes-Barre, March 21st.

The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Hazleton R. A. Chapter, No. 277, rehearsed the Mark; Pittston R. A. Chapter, No. 242, rehearsed the

Most Excellent, and Shekinah R. A. Chapter, No. 182, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

Immediately after dinner Grand Chaplain Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, delivered an impressive address to the Companions.

There is a great amount of interest in this District.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion DAVID J. DAVIS; Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Grand Chaplain, Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

DISTRICT No. 8. Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill and Chapter No. 264, of Northumberland; Companion FRANK C. YINGST, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting was held at Pottsville, March 19th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Tamaqua R. A. Chapter, No. 177, rehearsed the Mark; Mountain City R. A. Chapter, No. 196, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Tremont R. A. Chapter, No. 221, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

Immediately after dinner Grand Chaplain EDWARD W. RUSHTON delivered an inspiring address.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; District Deputy Grand High Priests, Companions FRANK C. YINGST, CHARLES H. WEAVER and J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER; Grand Chaplain, Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

DISTRICT No. 9. Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union; Companion WILLIAM FIELD SHAY, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting for this District was held at Catawissa, June 2d. The degrees were assigned for rehearsal as follows:

Bloomsburg R. A. Chapter, No. 218, Mark Degree; the rehearsal of this degree was very poor. Only a few of the officers attended and they were not at all familiar with the work. The degree of Most Excellent Master was assigned to Danville R. A. Chapter, No. 239; although this Chapter is located but a short distance from the place of rehearsal none of the officers appeared. The officers of Warrior Run R. A. Chapter, No. 246, volunteered, and rehearsed the degree in a most creditable manner. I certainly appreciated their willingness to work and the creditable manner in which they acquitted themselves. The

Royal Arch Degree was rehearsed by Catawissa R. A. Chapter, No. 178. The work was very poor.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Walton K. Swetland; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companion William Field Shay, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

District No. 10. Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry. Companion Arthur W. Gillan, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held in the City of Harrisburg, March 14th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 21, rehearsed the Mark; S. C. Perkins R. A. Chapter, No. 209, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 21, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

I have seen much better work done in this District by the officers of other Chapters. This was especially noticeable in the rehearsal of the Royal Arch Degree.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companion Arthur W. Gillan, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and

Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

District No. 11. Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, and Chapter No. 309, of Westmoreland. Companion Roy C. Stormer, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Lewistown, March 13th.

The officers of the following Chapters rehearsed the degrees:

Mt. Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 166, rehearsed the Mark; Standing Stone R. A. Chapter, No. 201, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Lewistown R. A. Chapter, No. 186, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

The rehearsal of the degrees was satisfactory and the interest and enthusiasm shown by the Companions were most gratifying to the Grand Officers. This District has made great progress in the last few years.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companion Roy C. Stormer, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

District No 12. Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters Nos. 261 and 228, of Clear-

field. Companion JAMES H. REEDER, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting for this District was held in the City of Williamsport, February 15th.

The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Bellefonte R. A. Chapter, No. 241, rehearsed the Mark; LaFayette R. A. Chapter, No. 163, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Lycoming R. A. Chapter, No. 222, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

The rehearsal of the different degrees was fine. The interest manifested was most encouraging and the condition of the District excellent.

Seldom has it been our privilege to see so fine a set of records as Lycoming R. A. Chapter possesses. Everything pertaining to Lycoming R. A. Chapter, No. 222, is up to date, accurate and complete.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; Companion JAMES H. REEDER, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

DISTRICT No. 13. Counties of Elk, McKean, and Chapter No. 227. Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Emporium, April 30th.

The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Bradford R. A. Chapter, No. 260, rehearsed the Mark; Emporium R. A. Chapter, No. 227, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Elk R. A. Chapter, No. 230, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

The rehearsal of the Mark Degree was fine. The rehearsal of the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees was only fair. In justice to these Chapters, however, I will say that they are distant from the Schools and the opportunities of the officers for perfecting themselves in the work have been scanty. The improvement in the District, however, is most marked, and we have no doubt but that in a year or two every Chapter in the District will be proficient. The interest manifested is fine.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Walton K. Swetland; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; District Deputy Grand High Priests, Companions John P. Anderson and Frederick J. Wandall, and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

District No. 14. Counties of Potter, Tioga and Chapter No. 254, of McKean. Companion Frederick J. Wandall, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Coudersport, April 29th.

The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Arnold R. A. Chapter, No. 254, rehearsed the Mark. While this Chapter has improved somewhat in the past three years the officers have a very long road to travel before they arrive at perfection. Ulysses R. A. Chapter, No. 269, rehearsed the Most Excellent, and Coudersport R. A. Chapter, No. 263, rehearsed the Royal Arch. The rehearsal left much to be desired, but the interest shown was good, and they have an instructor in the District since the rehearsal.

The High Priest of R. A. Chapter, No. , having failed to qualify himself to do the work, I suspended him from office. This action was reported to Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication in June and my action sustained.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Walton K. Swetland; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companion Frederick J. Wandall, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

District No. 15. Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson. Companion Thomas N. McKee, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Butler, April 17th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Eden R. A. Chapter, No. 259, rehearsed the Mark Degree; this was the Chapter that had so signally failed at the rehearsal at Brookville (see Proceedings 1923, p. 72). The officers of this Chapter, both elective and appointive, drove one hundred and fifty-two miles to attend this rehearsal, and did the work perfectly. The Deputy for the District, Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, assures me that the officers of this Chapter are quite as proficient in the other degrees. This, more than any other one thing, has shown me what zealous, interested Companions can do when they seriously set themselves to work. The Most Excellent Degree was rehearsed by Orient R. A. Chapter, No. 247. Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 273, rehearsed the Royal Arch Degree. The work was all good, but the outstanding feature of this whole District is the splendid showing by the officers of Eden Chapter, No. 259.

I was accompanied by M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH (this was the last time I had the privilege of seeing him alive); Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companions FREDERICK P. GLASSER, JOHN BRANDON and A. E. ELDRIDGE, Instructors in the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

District No. 16. Composed of nine of the Chapters in Allegheny County. Companion George W. Rodgers, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held in the Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, February 26th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Bellefield R. A. Chapter, No. 299, rehearsed the Mark; Mizpeh R. A. Chapter, No. 288, rehearsed the Most Excellent; Bellevue R. A. Chapter, No. 286, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

As this is the home of the splendid body of workers comprising the Capitular School in Pittsburgh we expected good work, and we were not disappointed.

After dinner and immediately preceding the Royal Arch Degree, Companion Walter P. Brown delivered a fine address.

I note from a report furnished me that there were officers from twenty Chapters present. The interest in Capitular Masonry as shown by the officers of the different Chapters left nothing to be desired.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Walton K. Swetland; M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas McConnell, Jr.; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion Henry Oscar Kline; District Deputy Grand High Priests,

Companions GEORGE W. RODGERS, THOMAS N. MCKEE, JAMES W. MYERS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG and HUGH M. MARQUIS; Grand Master of Second Vail, Companion RALPH C. MINEHART; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, of the Capitular School at Philadelphia, and Companions FREDERICK P. GLASSER, JOHN W. BRANDON and JOHN BELL, JR., Instructors in the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

A most interesting feature of this rehearsal was that we had the Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia and the Principal of the Capitular School at Pittsburgh both on the floor during the entire rehearsal, and yet there was not a word or a floor movement in which they were not in entire accord. Such is our "Pennsylvania Work," without printed ritual, lecturers or custodians of the work. In Pennsylvania the M. E. Grand High Priest is the sole custodian and authority on the work, from whose decision there is no appeal. Under this system, as practiced for over one hundred years, we have uniform work throughout the State.

DISTRICT No. 17. Washington County and three Chapters in Allegheny County; Companion JAMES W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Washington, February 25th.

The rehearsal of the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees was very good; that of the Royal Arch only fair.

I was accompanied by Companion JAMES W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion RALPH C. MINEHART, Grand Master of Second Vail; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia, and Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Instructor in the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT No. 18. Five Chapters in Allegheny County, one in Washington County and one in Westmoreland County. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Wilmerding, March 12th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Homestead R. A. Chapter, No. 306, rehearsed the Mark; Braddock's Field R. A. Chapter, No. 303, rehearsed the Most Excellent; Monongahela R. A. Chapter, No. 249, rehearsed the Royal Arch Degree.

The degrees were well rehearsed, the officers all showing a very careful study of the work. The attendance of the officers was excellent.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; Companions EDMUND W. BOOTS and GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia;

Companions JOHN W. BRANDON, FREDERICK P. GLASSER and JOHN BELL, JR., of the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT No. 19. Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland. Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Brownsville, April 25th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Urania R. A. Chapter, No. 192, rehearsed the Mark Degree; Hebron R. A. Chapter, No. 272, rehearsed the Most Excellent Degree; Connellsville R. A. Chapter, No. 283, rehearsed the Royal Arch Degree. Each Chapter did so well that I cannot mention one as being better than the other. The work was one hundred per cent. throughout.

Practically every officer in the entire District was present and remained throughout the entire meeting. The interest manifested was most gratifying.

I was accompanied by Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companions FREDERICK P. GLASSER and JOHN BELL, JR., Instructors in the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT No. 20. Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer. Companion HUGH M. MARQUIS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting for this District was held at Beaver Falls, March 11th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Norman R. A. Chapter, No. 244, rehearsed the Mark Degree; Mound R. A. Chapter, No. 212, rehearsed the Most Excellent Degree; Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 167, rehearsed the Royal Arch Degree.

The work left considerable to be desired both in floor movements and ritualistic language. The officers of the Chapters composing the District are near enough the Capitular School in Pittsburgh either to attend the School or secure one of the Instructors to go to the Chapters and give instruction in the Chapter Halls.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companion Hugh M. Marquis, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia, and Companion Frederick P. Glasser, Principal of the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

District No. 21. Counties of Crawford and Erie. Companion Peter Barkey, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Meadville, April 15th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 215, rehearsed both the Mark and the Most Excellent degrees; Solomon R. A. Chapter, No. 191, rehearsed the Royal Arch Degree. The work was fair. There is not the interest in Capitular Masonry in Solomon R. A. Chapter, No. 191, which the importance of the town and surrounding country would seem to justify.

For some reason not explained Columbus R. A. Chapter, No. 200, failed to appear to rehearse the Most Excellent Degree. This necessitated the rehearsal of this degree by the officers of Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 215.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companion Peter Barkey, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companions John W. Brandon and Frederick P. Glasser, Instructors in the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

District No. 22. Counties of Forest, Venango, Warren, and Chapter No. 207. Companion Charles E. Cooper, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at Titusville, April 16th. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Oil City R. A. Chapter, No. 236, rehearsed the Mark Degree; Occidental R. A. Chapter, No. 235, rehearsed the Most Excellent Degree; Venango R. A. Chapter, No. 211, rehearsed the Royal Arch Degree.

The interest manifested in this District is very good. The officers of the Chapters are all anxious to have the work absolutely correct. Arrangements have been made with the Capitular School at Pittsburgh to send Instructors to the different Chapters.

On account of illness, the District Deputy Grand High Priest was unable to be present.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY; Companions FREDERICK P. GLASSER and JOHN W. BRANDON, Instructors in the Capitular School at Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT No. 23. Counties of Monroe and Northampton. Companion HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The meeting in this District was held at the City of Easton, April 22d. The degrees were rehearsed by the officers of the following Chapters:

Easton R. A. Chapter, No. 173, rehearsed the Mark; Bangor R. A. Chapter, No. 274, rehearsed the Most Excellent; Ezra R. A. Chapter, No. 291, rehearsed the Royal Arch.

The work was very creditably rendered. The officers of Monroe R. A. Chapter, No. 281, having been assigned the rehearsal of the Most Excellent degree, and having failed to prepare themselves, I gave them a time limit of June 1st to qualify to confer all three degrees. I directed Companion ROBERT D. COLE,

Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia, to hold the rehearsal of this Chapter June 6th. I am pleased to report that Companion Cole advises me that the officers of Monroe R. A. Chapter, No. 281, are qualified to confer all degrees in Capitular Masonry.

This is a new District, created this year by division of District No. 5. The old District, comprising ten Chapters widely separated, in a mountainous country, was entirely too large for one District Deputy Grand High Priest to look after. The improvement in the work and interest fully justifies the change made.

I was accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companions Harvey F. Peifly and Charles R. Roberts, District Deputy Grand High Priests; Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

Other Visitations.

January 10th, visited Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 165.

April 28th, accompanied by M. E. Grand King, Companion George P. Darrow; M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas McConnell, Jr.; M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph E. Quinby, and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia, I visited Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, and witnessed the Mark Degree

conferred on a class of ten candidates. The work was splendidly rendered.

On December 11th I visited Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 165, at its stated meeting and installed the officers.

The Chapter was favored with a most scholarly address by one of its members, Past High Priest Harry J. Bell, a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, on "The Most Excellent Master's Degree." The address was listened to with marked attention and I have no doubt, great profit by all who heard it.

December 12th I visited Allegheny R. A. Chapter, No. 217, Pittsburgh, North Side, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree on a large class. The work was well done by the officers of the Chapter. The M. E. High Priest during his entire term has travelled from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh to attend the meetings of his Chapter; this is an example of devotion to duty seldom equalled. At the dinner following the meeting he was presented with a Past High Priest's jewel and many splendid tributes were paid to his zeal and love for Freemasonry.

I regret very much that the demands upon my time have been such that I could not pay more visits to individual Chapters. However, rehearsals of the work in the different Districts, anniversaries and visits to other Jurisdictions have crowded out visits to subordinate Chapters.

Anniversaries.

June 11th, accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary Companion Joseph E. Quinby; Companions Thomas N. McKee and James W. Myers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, I attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Orient R. A. Chapter, No. 247, at Kittanning.

The history of the Chapter had been prepared by M. E. Past Grand High Priest Meredith before his death. While we all rejoiced with the Companions of Orient R. A. Chapter on its progress during the past fifty years, yet there was a feeling of deep sadness, caused by the recent death of M. E. Past Grand High Priest Meredith. He was the High Priest named in the Warrant of the Chapter. To Orient Chapter Companion Meredith had given the very best of his life. By reason of his faithfulness and energy the Chapter had attained its present enviable position. Another Warrant member was present with us—Companion James McCullough, Jr., who during all the Chapter's life has zealously labored with the Companions for the upbuilding of Capitular Masonry. Long may he be spared to encourage the membership of Orient Royal Arch Chapter.

June 17th, accompanied by M. E. Grand King Companion George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand Scribe Companion Walton K. Swetland, M. E. Grand Secretary Companion Joseph E. Quinby, M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion George B. Wells,

and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia, I attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Temple Royal Arch Chapter, No. 248, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

After a brief meeting in the Chapter Hall, the Chapter was closed and the Companions, to the number of about four hundred, went to the Banquet Hall. A number of addresses were made at the banquet.

Temple Chapter starts on its next fifty years, and we dare not say how many more, with wonderful promise of usefulness in Capitular Masonry.

Saturday, September 27th, accompanied by M. E. Grand King Companion George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand Scribe Companion Walton K. Swetland, M. E. Grand Secretary Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Marshal Companion August P. Kunzig, District Deputy Grand High Priest Companion William J. Byrnes, Jr., and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia, I attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Signet Royal Arch Chapter, No. 251, in Philadelphia. The occasion was one long to be remembered by all the Companions present. A splendid dinner was served, and real companionship prevailed. This is one of the strong Chapters in Pennsylvania.

Monday, October 4th, accompanied by M. E. Grand King Companion George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand Scribe Companion Walton K. Swetland, M. E.

Grand Treasurer Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Secretary Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Past Grand High Priests Companions A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and GEORGE B. WELLS, District Deputy Grand High Priest Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, Grand Marshal Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia, I attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 250, in Philadelphia. There were many visitors from other Chapters present and some six hundred of Corinthian Chapter's own membership. The dinner and program and the whole Anniversary is one that I feel no one who had the privilege of being present will ever forget. Such a meeting of Royal Arch Masons makes every one who participates therein a better Mason.

Wednesday, October 21st, accompanied by M. E. Grand King Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand Scribe Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand Secretary Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, and District Deputy Grand High Priest Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, I attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter, No. 249, at Monongahela City.

The Anniversary exercises were held in the Chapter Hall at four o'clock P. M. They were very interesting, and included an excellent history of the Chapter. This is one feature of Anniversary exercises upon which I have insisted. Much information

of great value to future generations is lost because of the neglect to collect and put it into permanent shape.

After the close of the Chapter the Companions entertained us at a splendid dinner, followed by a reception and dance. The ladies seemed to appreciate the dinner and dance almost as much as we did. It was a red letter day for Royal Arch Masonry in the Monongahela Valley.

Thursday, October 23d, accompanied by M. E. Grand King Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand Scribe Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand Secretary Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, District Deputy Grand High Priests Companions EDMUND W. BOOTS and GEORGE W. RODGERS, I attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of McKeesport Royal Arch Chapter, No. 282, of McKeesport.

This splendid Chapter, with nearly a thousand members (and it seemed to us they were all there), had a most enthusiastic meeting. A splendid history was prepared by one of the Companions who was a Warrant member and consequently able to gather together and present in a most interesting manner the history of this Chapter for the first quarter of a century.

Our observation of these anniversary events leads us to the conclusion that they are well worth while. They arouse a new interest in the Companions in their Chapter and are an incentive to greater activity on the part of the officers.

Visitations to Other Jurisdictions.

New York. February 5th and 6th, accompanied by M. E. Grand Treasurer Companion Thomas McConnell, Jr., M. E. Grand Secretary Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Marshal Companion August P. Kunzig, I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York at the City of Albany.

Of course, the hospitality of the Companions of New York is proverbial. Nothing was left undone to make our visit one of complete enjoyment. We have looked forward from year to year to this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York with great pleasure, and our anticipations have always been more than fulfilled.

Grand Chapter of Canada. February 27th and 28th, accompanied by M. E. Grand Treasurer Companion Thomas McConnell, Jr., M. E. Grand Secretary Companion Joseph E. Quinby, and Companion Robert D. Cole, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia, I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, at Toronto.

The warm hospitality of our Canadian Companions is proverbial among those who have been fortunate enough to be its recipient.

Our every comfort was looked after. While there we had the privilege of witnessing the conferring of

the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees by the Canadian Companions. The work was beautifully rendered. We were particularly impressed with the Most Excellent Degree.

The Grand Z, M. E. Companion R. H. SPENCER, showed us many courtesies and on our reception in Grand Chapter referred most felicitiously to the strong bond between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT. May 12th and 13th, accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, I attended the Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

On Monday evening we were guests of a "Get Together Dinner" which the Grand Officers have each year.

On Tuesday we attended the meeting of Grand Chapter, and very much enjoyed sitting on the side lines and seeing how others do things. There were many Grand Officers from other Jurisdictions present.

NEW JERSEY. May 14th, accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

This Grand Jurisdiction lying just East of Pennsylvania is so close to us that we were very much at home among them. In fact the Companions of New Jersey have the happy faculty of making you one of them while in their midst. They are prosperous and very enthusiastic. If any of the Companions wish to know in detail what was done at the different Grand Convocations of other Grand Chapters we have visited, I refer them to the printed proceedings.

Massachusetts. Tuesday, December 9th, accompanied by M. E. Grand Secretary Companion Joseph E. Quinby, I attended the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. We were most royally entertained from the moment we arrived in Boston until we left. At this Communication the four degrees are rehearsed during the day, the Quarterly meeting taking place in the evening.

At this meeting the annual election and installation takes place. They have a custom in Massachusetts of re-electing their Grand High Priest each year for a period of three years. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Curtis Chipman, having served three years, M. E. Companion Harry Pollard was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest. We thought the M. E. Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania had some authority, but we simply sat in amazement when we saw how our Companions in Massachusetts handled matters. It has been a great school for us and we sincerely regret our passing out. We must say that they appreciate their Grand High

Priest in Massachusetts and are not backward in the least in telling him so. They know a good officer when they get him.

There were present the representatives of thirteen Jurisdictions from the United States and Canada at this meeting.

The Grand Officers were installed by the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, M. E. Companion JOHN ALBERT BLAKE. Companion BLAKE is also a Past Grand High Priest of Massachusets.

It was a wonderful meeting.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER. At the Quarterly Communication, in December, 1923, of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, most cordially invited us to attend the Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Portland, Maine, in September, 1924, as his guests. We took the matter under consideration, shortly after which I received a formal invitation from the General Grand Secretary. As the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has never belonged to the General Grand Chapter of the United States I discussed it with the other Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests. Upon their advice I accepted the invitation.

Accompanied by M. E. Grand King Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand Secretary Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY and M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, I attended the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Portland, Maine, September 10th, 11th and 12th. We were most hospitably received and entertained. Nothing was left undone to render our visit one of genuine enjoyment. All the courtesies due to the head of a sovereign independent Jurisdiction were shown to us. We each came away feeling that our horizon had been broadened and possibly some of the misunderstandings of the past removed.

We, however, feel that our position in the Capitular World is sound, safe and secure, and there has nothing occurred which would lead us to recommend any change in our present status. We do, however, feel that the interchange of visits between Jurisdictions is a matter that should be fostered and cultivated.

I have received a number of invitations which circumstances compelled me to decline—among them an invitation to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, but owing to the funeral of Past Grand High Priest MEREDITH I was unable to go. Also to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. Also to attend the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Also to attend the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Decisions.

Prior to December 27, 1923, St. John's R. A. Chapter, No. 171, had a By-law providing that a member who had paid dues for twenty-one years might, by action of the Chapter, be placed on dues of one dollar per year.

The question propounded was whether the adoption of the new Constitution abrogated the action of the Chapter already taken in accordance with the By-laws.

I decided that the provision of the new Constitution was not retroactive. That action taken by the Chapter in accordance with the By-laws, prior to December 27, 1923, should stand, and that members of Chapter No. 171 who prior to December 27, 1923, had been by action of the Chapter placed on dues of one dollar per year should continue at that rate.

Actions of Chapters Declared Null and Void Because Done in Violation of the Provisions of the Constitution.

February 14, 1924.

I declared the action of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , in restoring Companion to membership null and void. The action of the Chapter in this case was taken more than one year after his suspension.

March 5, 1924.

I declared the action of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , in conferring the degrees on Brother , null and void. The degrees were conferred more than six months after the approval of his petition by the Chapter. This is in direct violation of Article XVI, Section 5, of the Constitution.

March 5, 1924.

I declared the action of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , null and void in conferring the degrees on Brother . The degrees were conferred on him more than six months after the approval of his petition—a direct violation of Article XVI, Section 5, of the Constitution.

March 5, 1924.

I declared the action of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , null and void in making life members of Companions , said action by the Chapter having been done without payment of any fee, contrary to the provisions of Article XII, Section 29, of the Constitution.

March 18, 1924.

I declared the action of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , null and void in making life members of Companions , they having been made life members without the payment of any fee, in direct violation of Article XII, Section 29, of the Constitution.

April 4, 1924.

I declared the action of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , null and void in conferring the Royal Arch Degree on Brother
less than four weeks after he received the Mark Degree, this in violation of Article XV, Section 9, of the Constitution.

April 24, 1924.

I declared the petition of , in Royal Chapter, No. , rejected, the Committee having failed to report in four months as provided by Article XVI, Section 2, of the Constitution.

May 1, 1924.

I suspended Companion from the office of M. E. High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , for his failure to qualify and to perform the duties of his office. This suspension was reported to Grand Chapter at the June Communication and approved. See Minutes of June Communication in the Proceedings.

November 7, 1924.

I declared the petition of Brother
in Royal Arch Chapter, No. , null and void, as this petition was reported to the Grand Secretary's office and advertised to the members of Chapter, No. , as

Action Healed.

May 22, 1924.

I healed the action of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 170, in conferring the degrees on Brothers and more than six months after approval. From investigation made I learned that these Brethren had presented themselves at three separate meetings of the Chapter for their degrees within six months after their approval, but that for some reason not explained the officers of the Chapter failed to confer the degrees.

Article XVI, Section 5, of the Constitution, provides that if the petitioner "does not present himself within six months" all proceedings are null and void. In this case the petitioners did present themselves, and having thus complied with the requirements of the Constitution I felt that the conferring of the degrees under these circumstances was proper.

Dispensation Granted.

I have been called upon to grant but one Dispensation this year. On February 8, 1924, I granted a Dispensation to Royal Arch Chapter, No. , to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the Secretary of that Chapter.

Appointments.

June 23, 1924.

I appointed Companion J. Rice Williams Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chap-

ter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi, on the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest of Mississippi.

September 4, 1924.

I appointed Companion LUDWIG SALSRUD Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin, on the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest of Wisconsin.

November 17, 1924.

I appointed Companion ALFRED C. MARPLE District Deputy Grand High Priest of District C to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM.

November 20, 1924.

I appointed Companion RUSSELL RUDOLPH District Deputy Grand High Priest of District No. 15 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE.

September 26, 1924.

I appointed Companion A. VICTOR HUGHES Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, on the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest of Delaware.

December 26, 1924.

I appointed Companion ROBERT M. MILLS Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chap-

ter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont, on the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest of Vermont.

Waivers of Jurisdiction.

I have granted Waivers of Jurisdiction as follows:

Delaware, three.
New Jersey, four.
New York, six.

I have asked for and received Waivers of Jurisdiction as follows:

Delaware, one.
New Jersey, three.
New York, two.
Ohio, one.

No Waiver of Jurisdiction has been refused and all asked for by us have been graciously granted.

New Form of Minutes.

Early in the year our very industrious Grand Secretary prepared a new form of recording minutes for the subordinate Chapters. In the haste to get this to the Chapters there occurred a number of errors and omissions. During the rehearsals throughout the State these were brought out, careful note made of them, and with the data thus secured and experience gained a second edition was prepared, approved by me, printed and distributed. This last form I

feel will be of great benefit to all the Chapters. New forms made necessary by the new Constitution have been inserted.

Form of By-Laws.

The M. E. Grand Secretary, in conjunction with the Committee on By-laws, has prepared a general form of By-laws for subordinate Chapters. These I approved, they have been printed, and any Chapter desiring a copy can obtain it from the M. E. Grand Secretary.

Auditors' Reports.

The form of Auditors' Reports to be made by subordinate Chapters has been somewhat modified and is fully set forth in the form for recording minutes. Three copies of the Auditors' Reports are sent to each Chapter and all should be filled up—one copy sent to the M. E. Grand High Priest, one copy to the M. E. Grand Secretary and one copy retained by the Chapter for its files.

Recommendation.

There is one thing I would like to recommend.

In my judgment the instruction in the work has grown to be so great and necessary a part of our system that it takes a large part of the time of the instructors. Until now this has all been voluntary. I believe the time is here when the M. E. Grand High Priest, out of the appropriation for instruction in

the work, should pay one Companion a salary, and that Companion be ready to go to the different parts of the State and give instruction in the Chapters in addition to the district rehearsals.

To all Grand Officers, elective and appointive, District Deputy Grand High Priests, Committees and Instructors in the Schools, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for their loyalty during my term. I have never asked anyone to do anything for Capitular Masonry that it has not been promptly and willingly done. I can only now say—I thank you.

The work at times has been strenuous, and yet there has never been a time when some one or more good Companions have not been at my side, assisting and encouraging me at every step. If Grand Chapter has advanced during the past two years and any constructive and permanent good been accomplished it is the result of the united efforts of all the Companions working together in harmony for the common good of all.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held December 4, 1924, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion George P. Darrow was installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic

Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand King.

Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

Companions of Grand Chapter:

I again desire to voice my grateful appreciation of your unanimously expressed confidence in electing me Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Words may indicate my deep sense of solemn responsibility in assuming this exalted station, but the real test will best be shown by the quality of service I may

be able to render to Grand Chapter. With the experience gathered from holding offices of trust, both civil and Masonic, and mindful of my own limitations, I may well pause and question my ability to continue this trust according to the high standards set by my strenuous predecessors.

The pledge I now register is, that with every faculty it has pleased Providence to endow me I will earnestly try to maintain those standards and discharge the duties confided to me with fidelity and zeal. My prayer is that the Almighty, whose aid can supply every human defect, will preside in our councils, and that His benedictions may consecrate our united efforts in behalf of Capitular Masonry in this great Jurisdiction.

On you, Companions of Grand Chapter, as well as on the elected and appointed officers, I rely for success. Only by working loyally together can we hope to continue the advancement you have a right to expect.

Our fraternity rests upon divine teachings and principles. It is from that source we derive our reverence for truth and justice, our belief in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God, and our inspiration to labor for the betterment of humanity. These Masonic principles have been so completely transcribed into the institutions of our country that it would seem as if the foundations of Masonic phil-

osophy and the political philosophy of democracy were laid by the same hands, so that we cannot divorce ourselves from the duty of being good citizens in our daily walks of life if we would be good Masons in the Chapter hall.

We have been blessed as no other Nation on whom the sunlight of God's favor has shown, but today there are those who would destroy our institutions and overthrow our form of government. The aim of the forces of radicalism the world over is to destroy democracy and substitute class rule. They make war upon all religion, as they have in Russia, because they know it furnishes the greatest single influence for the preservation of democratic institutions, and because they recognize in religion and democracy the twin pillars—the Boaz and Jachin of the society they propose to overturn. In our country they seek to arbitrarily overthrow American institutions by destroying the American Constitution, and to accomplish that destruction by denying the right of the Supreme Court, the sole guardian of the Constitution, to set aside an Act which violates the Constitution. As we look back over nearly a century and a half to the origin of the Constitution and contemplate that the great principles upon which it is based are Masonic principles, put there by Brother Masons; as we realize how completely it has met every national peril and every national need, we should confess with Franklin, "God governs in the affairs of men." But we must never forget that to our hands has been com-

mitted this Ark of the peoples' Covenant, and that ours is the duty to shield it from destruction.

I shall try to adhere to the charted course of my predecessors, whose unrivaled energy has done so much to bring uniformity in the work and to stimulate interest in the teachings of Capitular Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction. The policy of holding District meetings for the rehearsal of the degrees under the supervision of the District Deputies has been one of the principal factors in this, and I believe interest in these meetings has been enhanced by the addresses delivered by experienced Companions on appropriate subjects. I have, therefore, laid before the District Deputies a schedule for District meetings commencing in March and running to the latter part of June. It is the desire of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to attend all of those meetings, accompanied by as many of the Grand Chapter officers as can conveniently arrange to do so. I shall in every way possible help, aid and assist the splendid work being done by our Schools of Instruction. The instructors have been most generous in giving their time and rendered a service to Grand Chapter that is above estimate. We want to see this work continue with every assistance Grand Chapter can give it. It is unreasonable, however, to ask the instructors to neglect their business for weeks at a time to give the subordinate Chapters the help they are entitled to in order to maintain the standards of perfection Grand Chapter insists upon. We have, therefore, created

a new position supplemental to the Schools of Instruction, to be known as Director of Work. This will not in any way interfere with the work now carried on by the Schools, but will give the Most Excellent Grand High Priest the privilege of sending anywhere at any time a most competent Companion to instruct the officers of a subordinate Chapter. Grand Chapter is most fortunate in securing the service of Companion ROBERT D. COLE for this position.

As we cross the threshold into a new Masonic year let us all work together to dispense Masonic light and knowledge to all our uninformed brethren, displaying by both precept and example the utility of the teachings of Capitular Masonry, realizing that if individuals be not influenced by our great principles it is vain to look for public virtue.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to announce the following appointments:

APPOINTMENTS.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284, 307, and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion ALFRED C. MARPLE, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250, 308, and Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapters Nos. 262 and 271) and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of Ardmore, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198) and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224) and Lebanon, and Chapter No. 271, of Montgomery County.

4. Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, of York, for the Counties of Adams and York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

5. Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh and Pike, and Chapter No. 295, of Northampton County.

6. Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and

Chapters Nos. 161 and 293, of Bradford County, and Chapter No. 172, of Wyoming County.

8. Companion GUSTAVE A. MUEHLHOF, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill, and Chapter No. 264, of Northumberland County.

9. "Appointment not announced," for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland (except Chapter No. 264), Snyder and Union.

10. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

11. Companion ROY C. STORMER, of Johnstown, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, and Chapter No. 309, in Westmoreland County.

12. Companion JAMES H. REEDER, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapter No. 261, of Bradford County, and Chapter No. 228, of Clearfield County.

13. Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, of Ridgway, for the Counties of Elk and McKean (except Chapter No. 254), and Chapter No. 227, of Cameron County.

14. Companion FREDERICK J. WANDALL, of Coudersport, for the Counties of Potter and Tioga, and Chapter No. 254, of McKean County.

15. Companion Russell Rudolph, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

16. Companion George W. Rodgers, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 217, 257, 268, 286, 288, 297 and 299, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion James W. Myers, of Crafton, for Chapters Nos. 280, 300 and 305, of Allegheny County, and Nos. 150 and 294, of Washington County.

18. Companion Edmund W. Boots, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 282, 285, 289, 303 and 306, of Allegheny County, No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 290, of Westmoreland County.

19. Companion John A. Armstrong, of Connellsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland (except Chapters Nos. 290 and 309).

20. Companion Chauncey N. Shilling, of Sharon, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

21. Companion Peter Barkey, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford and Erie (except Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County).

22. Companion William F. Bennett, of Warren, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

23. Companion HARVEY F. PEIFLY, of Bangor, for the Counties of Monroe and Northampton (except Chapter No. 295).

Trustees.

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" DAVID J. DAVIS, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" GEORGE W. SEEDS.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, of Philadelphia.
" JOHN G. WILSON, of Philadelphia.
" EDWARD W. RUSHTON, of Wayne.
" GEORGE W. WELLBURN, of Scranton.
" FRANCIS M. TAITT, of Chester.
" WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, of Media.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. HARRY M. MCDONALD, of Chapter No. 283.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of Chapter No. 185.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. ROBERT A. WALKER, of Chapter No. 223.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

Comp. ELMER C. WATT, of Chapter No. 256.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

Comp. RALPH C. MINEHART, of Chapter No. 286.

Grand Master of First Vail.

Comp. WILLIAM B. KROPP, of Chapter No. 52.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, of Chapter No. 52.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. GEORGE B. HANNUM, of Chapter No. 284.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of Chapter No. 208.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. HAYES H. DUNCAN, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

Organist.

Comp. FREDERICK MAXSON, of Chapter No. 240.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" MICHAEL W. JACOBS, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" HENRY OSCAR KLINE, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. P. G. H. P.
" DAVID J. DAVIS, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" JOHN M. CORE, M. E. P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

Comp. H. Oscar Kline, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" Thomas F. Ashford, Jr.
" John C. Taylor.
" William A. Rhoads.
" Henry G. Bruner.

Committee on Finance.

Comp. A. G. Criswell Smith, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" William M. Donaldson.
" E. Marshall Harvey.
" McCluney Radcliffe.
" Robert E. Umbel.

Committee on By-laws.

Comp. Carl A. Sundstrom, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" A. Howard Thomas.
" John A. Perry.
" Fenton H. Middleton.
" William R. Sutch.

Committee on Correspondence.

Comp. John M. Core, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" Harry J. Bell.
" H. Franklin Brossman.
" Edward W. Rushton.
" Eli Edmundson, Jr.

Committee on Charity.

Comp. Edgar A. Tennis, M. E. P. G. H. P.
" Thaddeus S. Adle.
" Charles T. Gilden.
" Azor Hunt.
" Charles S. Wood.

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Comp. Louis M. Wagner.
" James W. R. Washington.
" Frank E. Townsend.
" Murray Gorgas.
" Robert W. Vogt.

Director of Work.

Comp. Robert D. Cole.

Capitular Schools of Instruction.

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Instructors.

Comp. Irvin Brandeis, *Principal.*
" Henry S. Hazlett.
" Benjamin Biswanger.
" Clarence R. Brooks.
" George Kurtz.
" Harry L. Horst.

Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh.

Instructors.

Comp. Frederick P. Glasser, *Principal.*
" John W. Brandon.
" John Bell, Jr.

MASONIC TEMPLE, SCRANTON.

Appointments Not Announced.

Communications were received announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

R. E. Companion GEORGE McGOWN, Grand Lecturer Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died October 9, 1924.

M. E. Companion FRANK ADELBERT BROWN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. Died October 30, 1924.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quimby
Grand Secretary.

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
JAMES McGARVEY	No. 3	Apr. 26, 1924
FRANK STROMINGER	" 21	Nov. 21, 1923
FRANCIS C. NEELY	" 21	July 22, 1924
JOHN G. McLAUGHLIN	" 21	Feb. 23, 1924
JOHN W. AULT	" 43	Feb. 28, 1924
WILLIAM O. MARSHALL ...	" 43	May 7, 1924
ANDREW S. SMITH	" 52	Feb. 27, 1924
MATTHEW M. MacMILLAN ..	" 52	Apr. 4, 1924
CHARLES SUMMERFIELD ..	" 91	May 24, 1924
ARMSTRONG SPEAR	" 91	Aug. 1, 1924
SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM ...	" 91	Nov. 10, 1924
JOHN D. CARLILE	" 91	Nov. 25, 1924
EDWARD BURKHOLDER	" 152	Mar. 9, 1924
JOHN E. HILL	" 152	Apr. 18, 1924
J. FRANK PATTERSON	" 161	Oct. 30, 1924
DAVID R. TORRENCE	" 162	May 19, 1924
HARRY O. CHAPMAN	" 163	May 7, 1924
GEORGE W. CONRAD	" 165	Feb. 1, 1924
HIBBERT P. JOHN	" 169	July 27, 1924
NILES M. FISSEL	" 171	Nov. 19, 1923
JOHN N. CHRISTIAN	" 172	Dec. 2, 1923
EDWIN N. STONE	" 172	Dec. 10, 1922
ALBERT ROGERS DUNN	" 173	May 16, 1924
CHARLES C. LINTON	" 174	Feb. 1, 1924
WILLIAM G. SPEIER	" 175	Nov. 23, 1924
THOMAS L. EVANS	" 177	Oct. 1, 1924
KERSEY S. CLEAVER	" 178	Dec. 10, 1923

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NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
LUTHER BASSETT KLINE	No. 178	Aug. 3, 1924
AMBROSE E. TIFFANY	" 179	Feb. 9, 1924
WILLIAM A. LEISENRING	" 181	Jan. 7, 1924
CHARLES A. BLAKSLEE	" 181	June 7, 1924
GEORGE D. MAULL	" 183	Jan. 27, 1924
JOSEPH L. MANN	" 183	Sept. 11, 1924
WILLIAM L. CONNELL	" 185	Dec. 9, 1923
JOHN W. DUSENBURY	" 185	Dec. 18, 1923
FREDERICK L. HITCHCOCK.	" 185	Oct. 9, 1924
WILLIAM G. MORGAN	" 189	July 31, 1924
OLIVER F. LENHARDT	" 190	Sept. 25, 1924
CYRUS N. STARK	" 192	July 23, 1924
JOSEPH D. HOUSTON	" 192	June 23, 1924
J. RONDEL EDWARDS	" 196	Jan. 21, 1924
WILLIAM HUTCHINSON	" 197	Oct. 22, 1924
SAMUEL DIEMER	" 198	Oct. 11, 1924
CHARLES R. POWELL	" 200	Oct. 11, 1924
JOSIAH C. HALL	" 201	July 31, 1924
CURTIS H. HANNUM	" 202	Aug. 28, 1924
JUDSON ARMOR	" 202	Oct. 29, 1924
WILLIAM H. HARTZELL	" 203	Dec. 6, 1923
RALPH B. PLACE	" 205	Dec. 25, 1923
CLARENCE EDWARD SPICER	" 207	Jan. 28, 1924
LINCOLN E. LEEDS	" 208	May 16, 1924
JOHN H. SHOPP	" 209	Apr. 18, 1924
MILES M. BROUGHER	" 209	July 5, 1924
CALVIN CLENDENIN	" 209	Nov. 27, 1924

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
CALVIN A. SWEITZER	No. 216	July 8, 1924
RALPH B. HANSELL	" 217	Nov. 24, 1923
JONATHAN C. BIDDLE	" 219	Mar. 15, 1924
GEORGE W. HELLINGS	" 220	Sept. 11, 1924
CHARLES SCHNEIDER	" 222	Jan. 24, 1924
HARRY R. GLENN	" 226	Dec. 24, 1923
RANDOLPH L. WILLIAMS ..	" 226	June 9, 1924
JOHN W. FORD	" 233	Oct. 8, 1924
MICHAEL R. MILLER	" 234	Oct. 25, 1924
WILLIAM K. T. SAHM	" 238	Jan. 25, 1924
WILLIAM L. HOOPES	" 238	Mar. 5, 1924
DAVID P. CLARK	" 238	July 5, 1924
ELIAS S. MILLER	" 239	Feb. 11, 1924
GEORGE ELLIS RHOADS	" 241	Feb. 10, 1924
G. TAYLOR GRIFFIN	" 242	Feb. 22, 1924
GEORGE NASS	" 243	Feb. 8, 1924
CHARLES F. PHILLIPS	" 244	Mar. 22, 1924
SYLVESTER C. STOUT	" 245	June 12, 1924
EDGAR L. HOUSEL	" 246	Feb. 20, 1924
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH	" 247	May 17, 1924
FRANCIS H. HEMPERLY	" 248	June 2, 1924
ALVA F. TOD	" 250	Oct. 23, 1924
WARREN G. GRIFFITH	" 251	Dec. 1, 1923
HENRY H. GARRETT	" 251	Dec. 12, 1923
SAMUEL W. POWELL	" 251	Feb. 15, 1924
HARRY T. LOWER	" 251	Nov. 3, 1924

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
CHARLES F. BOWER	No. 256	Apr. 20, 1924
BERTRAM D. REARICK	" 256	May 3, 1924
JOHN A. McCLAIN	" 256	Aug. 28, 1924
CURTIS G. HUSSEY	" 257	Jan. 1, 1924
HARRY P. MEGILLIGAN	" 258	Aug. 28, 1924
JOSEPH CASHO	" 258	Sept. 3, 1924
WALTER D. SINGLETON	" 260	Jan. 15, 1924
ROBERT C. KENDALL	" 261	Feb. 17, 1924
MACKEY L. WHITE	" 263	May 19, 1924
WILLIAM H. R. SMINK	" 264	Mar. 29, 1924
DANIEL D. HEIM	" 264	May 18, 1924
LOVEL PLANK	" 265	Jan. 2, 1924
PRESTON R. KING	" 265	Feb. 18, 1924
FRANK E. KINSMAN	" 265	Apr. 1, 1924
MARSHALL McCLAIN	" 268	June 24, 1924
WILL B. PERKINS	" 269	June 24, 1924
FREDERICK H. KEISER	" 271	Nov. 24, 1923
CARL J. W. HANSEN, Jr.	" 273	Sept. 20, 1924
ISAAC RICHARDS	" 275	Mar. 31, 1924
ALLEN S. HECKMAN	" 278	Apr. 20, 1924
EDMUND M. MYERS	" 280	Nov. 3, 1923
WILLIAM L. HEMMINGER ..	" 284	Dec. 7, 1923
DANIEL M. BUCK	" 285	Jan. 23, 1924
STEWART U. MITMAN	" 291	Jan. 17, 1924
EDWIN M. DUNHAM	" 293	Sept. 15, 1924

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned:

	Annual Convocation.	
Alberta	March	William B. Meredith, P. G. H. P.
Alabama	December	
Arizona	February	
Arkansas	November	
British Columbia	June	
California	April	
Canada	February	
Colorado	September	
Connecticut	May	
Delaware	January	
District of Columbia	February	
England	May	
England and Wales	December	
England, Grand Mark Lodge	June	
Florida	May	H. Franlin Brossman.
General Grand Chapter	September	
Georgia	April	
Idaho	May	
Illinois	October	
Indiana	October	
Iowa	October	
Ireland	December	
Kansas	February	
Kentucky	October	
Louisiana	February	
Maine	May	
Manitoba	February	

Maryland	December	Edward W. Rushton.
Massachusetts	December	
Michigan	May	
Minnesota	October	
Mississippi	February	
Missouri	April	
Montana	September	
Nebraska	December	
Nevada	June	
New Brunswick	August	
New Hampshire	May	
New Jersey	May	
New Mexico	February	
New South Wales	February	Harry J. Bell.
New York	February	
North Carolina	May	
North Dakota	January	
Nova Scotia	June	
Ohio	October	
Oklahoma	April	
Oregon	April	
Quebec	March	
Rhode Island	March	
Saskatchewan	February	
Scotland	March	
South Carolina	April	
South Dakota	June	Eli Edmundson, Jr.
Tennessee	January	
Texas	November	
Utah	May	
Vermont	June	
Victoria	October	
Virginia	October	
Washington	August	
West Virginia	November	
Wisconsin	February	
Wyoming	July	

We still continue Pennsylvania's custom of the Alphabetical Division of the Grand Chapters among the members of the Committee.

ALBERTA.

The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was held in the City of Calgary, March 12 and 13, 1924.

Twenty-six of the twenty-seven warranted Chapters were present.

The Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion WILLIAM T. COOTE, after receiving the Mayor of the City and the Chairman of the Board of Education, each of whom made brief addresses of welcome, delivered his address, reviewing the work of the past year.

He reports the year as having been the most harmonious in the history of that Grand Chapter.

On April 11 he constituted a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which was a very pleasant event. Two new Chapters were instituted. He paid fourteen official visitations to Chapters and attended four District meetings for instruction. His record shows a busy year. Eighteen dispensations to install officers, change night of meeting and change place of meeting were issued.

He makes the following recommendations:

"That the installation ceremony be changed so that the three Principals will receive the secret work only, in the Grand Council, and they be installed in open Chapter.

"There are still a number of Chapters using the moon schedule for their meetings, and I would recommend that these be changed, as they are very confusing."

Each of the Grand Superintendents (corresponding to our District Deputy Grand High Priests) made detailed reports to the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a net increase for the year of twenty-eight; 11 deaths, 60 resignations and 98 suspensions—a net membership December 31, 1923, of 2711.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is good. A detailed list of the benevolences of the subordinate Chapters shows an expenditure of $844.

A Special Committee on "proper form and proper design of Chapter notices" made a complete report, which was adopted, to take effect January 1, 1925. After that time Alberta will have a uniform size and design of Chapter notices, which will be a great blessing.

There is no report of Committee on Correspondence.

M. E. Companion JOHN E. JOHNSON, Grand First Principal Z.

R. E. Companion EDWIN G. IRONSIDES, Grand Scribe E.

FOR W. B. M.

ALABAMA.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama was held in the City of Montgomery, December 3, 1923.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address, reviews the work of the year in a very clear and concise manner. Among other things, he says:

> "Looking backward, and perusing the accomplishments of the year just closed, I have arrived at the conclusion that it is not the volume that is of consequence, but the fervency and zeal with which we are preserved and sustained in all matters pertaining to the Craft, and I find the greatest satisfaction in the knowledge that happiness and contentment reign supreme in our midst and that we have preserved faithfully our landmarks and customs entrusted to our care."

He pays a well-deserved tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Companion STEWART MCQUEEN, who was called home during the year.

Eleven dispensations were issued to ballot out of time, in order that the earnest longing of Brother Master Masons for more Masonic light might the sooner be satisfied. He also granted a special dispensation to ballot on the petition of a Companion for affiliation who had arrived at the mature age of ninety-four years.

Much valuable space is given to the differences between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas. He decided that a Companion who was a member of a Chapter in Texas could not

take a dimit and affiliate with a Chapter in Alabama while fraternal relations between the two Grand Chapters were severed. A sound decision.

A resolution was introduced that all rough roads and old bridges be eliminated from the ritual. This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which made an adverse report, which was adopted:

"The committee feel that the resolution is directed along right lines, and that the spirit is all right, but the method adopted would bring about undesired results."

This strikes us as simple timidity. This portion of the R. A. degree has been a stumbling-block in the pathway of all those who have endeavored for years to eliminate coarseness and horse-play, to use no stronger terms, from this beautiful and impressive degree. So long as the opportunity to "have fun" with the candidates is left, just so long will it be practiced. Far better eliminate a none too substantial legend than make the candidate feel that the main reason for his initiation is to furnish sport to the members. I quote from an address delivered by the General Grand High Priest to the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, November 22, 1923:

"Will you explain to them this story—that they are searching for eternal truth, or will you make these solemn ceremonies a scene of buffoonery? I sincerely hope not. These ceremonies are too sacred, and it would be a sacrilege to introduce anything that is not in keeping with the dignity of Freemasonry."

The M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, makes a very wonderful report.

Among his other activities he collected and paid over to the Grand Treasurer $15,098.73. He also had written all the other Grand Jurisdictions:

"It has always been, and still is, our law that only one team of three men may be obligated at the same time. Please advise us the practice in your Jurisdiction."

Out of forty-nine replies which he received, thirty-two allow "three at a time," which, of course, has always been the law in Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that "No Chapter can be opened unless nine of its members are present," which report was adopted.

The Grand Secretary's report shows: Exaltations, 2003, with a total gain of 2364; losses, 869; net gain, 1468; present membership (October 15, 1923), 15,151.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion Lawrence H. Lee. He succinctly but clearly reviews the proceedings of all the Jurisdictions for the current year. Pennsylvania is given a very full and fraternal review. He speaks of the excellent treatment received at the hands of M. E. Companion William B. Meredith. Alas, he has passed beyond, and his gentle, kindly words of wisdom will be heard no more. His work for this year is being done by a volunteer, as his place

as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence will not be filled until the end of the year.

M. E. Companion Joseph Leon Gunter, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion George Allan Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

For W. B. M.

ARIZONA.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Arizona was held in the City of Globe, February 12, 1924.

All Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain and Grand Master of the First Vail were present.

Grand Representatives from many Jurisdictions were present, but Pennsylvania's Representative failed to answer the roll call.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Max Fielder, reports that he visited all but one of the Chapters in the State during the year. He says much good has resulted therefrom, particularly in the matter of the Chapters having the same understanding of the ritual.

He recommends that the appropriation for traveling expenses of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be continued—a very wise recommendation.

One dispensation to receive, ballot on and confer the Mark and Past Master's Degrees was granted.

Note is made of the two new Grand Chapters in Canada, the "Texas Affair"—now happily a closed incident—and of dividing the State into three divisions, for the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree to be conferred on the same date.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a net gain of forty-six during the year. Ninety-one were exalted and fifteen affiliated. Twenty-nine were suspended. Death and resignations account for the remainder. Total membership, December 31, 1923, 1270. There are twelve Chapters in the State.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows $12,000 invested funds and $1736.42 cash on hand. A very comfortable balance, considering the number of members.

There is no report on Correspondence.

M. E. Companion Frank Thomas, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion George Roskringe, Grand Secretary.

For W. B. M.

ARKANSAS.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Arkansas was held in the City of Little Rock, Thursday, November 22, 1923.

The proceedings are well illustrated, having pictures of the M. E. General Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN; the M. E. Deputy General Grand High Priest, Companion CHARLES N. RIX, and the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE H. PARSONS.

We note that many Jurisdictions were represented, but Pennsylvania was absent.

After opening Grand Chapter, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, accompanied by the Deputy General Grand High Priest, were received; also the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and other distinguished visitors were received.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion NICK KIZER, is a splendid presentation of the work for the Capitular year in Arkansas. He made eight visitations, at two of which the Chapters visited failed to produce a sufficient number of Companions to open a Chapter to welcome the Grand High Priest. At one place the funeral of a promi-

nent citizen interfered and at another a school entertainment was too strong a counter-attraction. He was liberal with dispensations, several being to receive and ballot on petitioners and, of course, confer degrees at the same meeting. He granted a dispensation for one new Chapter.

A number of decisions are reported, all but one of which were approved by Grand Chapter. He decided that a member of a Chapter in Texas could visit a Chapter in Arkansas, after fraternal relations were severed between the two Jurisdictions. This decision Grand Chapter disapproved. Much space is devoted in his address to the difficulties between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas; also to the conferring of the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree on large classes at a Masonic festival after the manner of Missouri. Arkansas did not join in.

The General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States made a splendid address, which is printed in full. We regret that we cannot reproduce it for the benefit of the Companions of Pennsylvania. Among the many good things he says:

"Freemasonry is a beautiful allegory which unfolds to the thinking Freemason the interesting story of the loss, the recovery and the practical application of that which we call the Word. . . . The loss is symbolized in the Lodge, and the recovery and its practical application in life is symbolized in Royal Arch Masonry. . . . Freemasonry is not a lot of degrees piled one upon another without any connecting link, or a heterogeneous mass gathered together with the mere idea of fooling the candidate into taking many degrees. There is a goal running through Ancient

Craft Masonry of which the Capitular degrees are an all-important part. The non-recognition of this fact has prevented Royal Arch Masonry from coming into its own."

The Grand Secretary, in his report, says there were about six hundred exaltations during the year. The statistical table shows: Exaltations, 636; affiliated, 61; reinstated, 79; died, suspended, dimitted, etc., 567; net gain, 209—present membership 7506.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion MARK P. OLNEY. He starts off with Alabama and ends with Wyoming, and neither says "Good morning" nor "Goodby." He reviews forty-nine Jurisdictions in thirty-five pages, so he has to be very brief. Pennsylvania for 1922 is accorded a very fraternal review. He notes that there is no report of the Order of High Priesthood. No. We have no organization of the Anointed High Priests. This has been many times explained in these reviews. He notes that the Grand High Priest appointed twenty-two Deputies—a slight error, as there are twenty-five. We see that Arkansas adopted the same system, dividing the State into four Districts. This is not nearly enough for a State having about one hundred twenty-five Chapters. Increase the number to fifteen or twenty and you will find a wonderful improvement.

M. E. Companion GEORGE H. PARSONS, Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN C. BONE, Grand Secretary.

For W. B. M.

CALIFORNIA.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held in Pasadena, April 15, 1924.

The Committee on Credentials having reported a constitutional number present, Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. We notice Pennsylvania was not represented.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest in his address says:

"Today, amidst the most sumptuous surroundings that can be supplied by wealth and successful civilization, we meet as the representatives of 112 Chapters under charter, four Chapters under dispensation, with 22,097 Companions on our rolls, with a net increase of 1410 during the past Capitular year, and with every prospect of greater increase in the future."

The Grand High Priest reports that during the year he traveled 11,000 miles, making it a point to go to those Chapters in the most remote sections of the State.

He pays a high tribute to the benefit of Joint District Meetings. He visited one hundred thirteen of the one hundred sixteen Chapters. He must have been emulating Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE E. BRIGGS, of New York.

The "six months rule" adopted by the Grand Lodge of California is being obeyed throughout the

Jurisdiction. Under this rule only those who have been six months or more Master Masons may apply to the Chapter. It would seem at least that it has done no harm.

Under Chapter problems, he says:

"Good attendance cannot be secured unless the degrees are conferred with accuracy and dignity, nor unless, in addition to the degrees, the Chapter occasionally provides some interesting and attractive features. The old saying, 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,' applies with as much force to Capitular Masonry as to any other department of life. The attendance at any Chapter depends largely upon the vision, energy and intelligence of its High Priest, but if this officer functions properly, he will have no difficulty in securing a goodly attendance."

Two decisions are reported, but they were only constructions of the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a net gain of 1410, with a total membership of 22,097. Eighty-two Chapters show gain and 23 losses; seven neither gain nor loss. One hundred and three Chapters conferred degrees, and nine had no work.

A very comprehensive report is given of the conferring of the Most Excellent Master's degree on April 1 by the Companions of Los Angeles Chapter, No. 33.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion Max A. Plumb. It is his third essay on Capitular Masonry. In its preparation he examined fifty-nine proceedings of other Grand Chapters, and from them culled thirty-four pages of

opinions as expressed by the different Grand High Priests and correspondents. It is a topical review, and, of course, deals only with such matters as appear of interest to the writer. He makes a good start by quoting M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY'S remarks, in 1922, on the deplorable fact that all Marks are not recorded. He suggests as a remedy a fine of ten dollars on the Chapter. Now, we think a better plan has been discovered. Immediately upon the discovery by the Grand High Priest that a Companion has been exalted without first adopting a Mark and having the same recorded in the Book of Marks, the Companion so exalted is notified of his default and given thirty days in which to adopt a Mark and have the same recorded in the Book of Marks, or else he will be edicted out of Capitular Masonry for a violation of his obligation. The Secretary of the Chapter is also warned that a second offence on his part—in allowing such an infraction of the laws of Capitular Masonry—will result in his removal from office. We know of this method being taken a number of times in the past two years, and in no instance has it failed to produce satisfactory results. The District Deputy Grand High Priests are now required to check up the Book of Marks and certify at the end of the year that all candidates marked during the year have adopted and recorded their Marks. If they have not, an explanation must be made.

He quotes reports and decisions on DeMolay, Good Standing, Right to Visit, Right to Affiliate, Jurisdiction, Smoking in Chapter, "Calling Off," Dependent Membership, Education, Electioneering, Stepping Stone (quoted from Pennsylvania), Weak Chapters and, as the country sale bill says, "many other things too numerous to mention."

As a resume of opinions on many different subjects it has many things to commend it, and to a seasoned reviewer it will furnish a pleasant hour's reading. As a review of the current year's activities in Capitular Masonry it conveys little real information.

Companion Randolph Beck, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Companion Thomas A. Davis, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

For W. B. M.

CANADA.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in Toronto, Wednesday and Thursday, February 27 and 28, 1924.

One hundred twenty-five Chapters represented, and twenty-four not represented. There were 464 delegates registered present.

After opening, Grand Chapter was "called off," and received an address of welcome from a representative of the Mayor (the Mayor being confined to his home by illness); also an address of welcome from the Chapters in the Toronto District.

Immediately after the welcoming addresses the roll of Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Canada was called. They assembled in front of the altar and were welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand Z, and a reply made on behalf of the Representatives by R. E. Companion E. M. CARLETON, Representative of British Columbia.

The Grand Chapters of Michigan, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania were represented by their respective Grand High Priests, accompanied by other Grand Officers. Each in turn was called to the platform, exhibited himself to the Grand Chapter, expressed great pleasure at being present, and retired.

The address of M. E. Companion R. H. SPENCER, Grand Z, is a masterpiece. Canada follows the plan of Pennsylvania and keeps the same Companion as the head of Grand Chapter for two years. M. E. Companion SPENCER was most diligent in the discharge of his duties and his address is a report of a tremendous amount of constructive work accomplished during the past year.

He sounds a note of admonition when he says:

"No argument is needed to convince a Companion who is awake to his obligations that Royal Arch Masonry has some higher and nobler mission than the mere conferring of degrees; that the work of the Chapter has a greater scope than the mere repetition of ceremonies, be they ever so venerable with age or beautiful with sentiment; that the records of a Chapter which do not tell of some good deed performed, some benevolent act done for the sake of humanity, are but the memories of wasted hours, of vain pretensions, of solemn promises broken, or duties neglected."

He notes the marvelous development of the country, again calls attention to the law of forgiveness, and counsels most earnestly co-operation. He refers to the great benefits accruing from the interchange of visits between the officers of various Grand Chapters. In this matter he was not one who preached without practicing. Companion SPENCER has been a most welcome guest at the meetings of many of the Grand Chapters of the United States. That he did not neglect his own Chapters is shown by the fact that out of the 149 Chapters he visited eighty.

There are two decisions reported, both of which are sound and were approved by Grand Chapter, but were not new questions.

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion HENRY T. SMITH, made a report which deserves a place all its own. We must quote at least one paragraph:

"It may not be amiss to state that when the present Grand Scribe E assumed his position, in the year 1915, we had then 19,179 members, and at that time the Jurisdiction included the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. Since

the year 1916, owing to the Chapters of the four western provinces having formed Grand Chapters of their own, we have lost in membership 6331, yet today we have a membership in the Jurisdiction of 24,547, showing, even with the loss mentioned, an actual increase in membership during the past eight years of 5368.''

He reports ''No delinquent Chapters.''

During the year one hundred eleven dispensations were issued, mostly to attend divine service wearing Royal Arch clothing, all of which were for the good of Royal Arch Masonry. None were issued to hasten conferring degrees. All the warrants and seals of the Chapters in Saskatchewan and Manitoba were called in, the seals destroyed and the warrants cancelled and returned to the different Chapters.

The present membership is 24,547, which is a net loss of 3002 over last year, occasioned by the erection of the two new Grand Chapters in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The Province of Ontario shows a net gain of 946. There are one hundred forty-nine subordinate Chapters.

They have an annual Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry. This was prepared by M. E. Companions GEORGE MOORE and W. N. PONTON and delivered by Companion PONTON. It is a wonderful production, but space will not permit us to say more. One thought, however, we quote:

''So the King said, the organization that is meanly housed is apt to be meanly esteemed. We cannot have an A. 1 Chapter in a C. 3 compartment.''

Another item:

"Sixteen Chapters have no insurance. Experience is a hard teacher. Better have insurance and not want it, than want insurance and not have it."

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by the facile pen of M. E. Past Grand Z, Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON, so well known to many of the Companions in Pennsylvania. In his foreword he says:

"As the privileged spokesman of 'Our Lady of the Snows and Sunshine,' I cordially greet our colleagues of the Round Table and our Companions of sister Jurisdictions from this true North. . . . Intervisitations by accredited Representatives of neighboring and often distant Grand Chapters of the Royal Craft are being more and more encouraged and the results—educating, unifying, vivifying—never fail to satisfy. We discover one another—we realize ourselves—in association and good comradeship."

Well, the Round Table certainly welcomes the addition of this cultured, scholarly enthusiastic Mason. A Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a Past Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Canada, has given him experience, which, coupled with a graceful diction, makes his contribution to Freemasonry of great value. Long may we have the privilege of your comradeship.

Companion PONTON reviews the Jurisdictions, culling from each one some lesson, some new view, and lays the whole before the Companions of Canada in a most pleasing arrangement.

Pennsylvania is very fraternally reviewed, and liberal extracts made from the M. E. Grand High Priest's address.

In his conclusion he says:

"We return thanks for the rich cargo and terrestrial treasure which we have garnered in our contact with men whose hearts God has touched. Many men, many minds, but the same mosaic of humanity. Many Chapters, many liturgies—one Royal Craft—and its chronicles record, as is most fitting, nothing but purposeful progress; we enter, pass, raise, advance, receive, exalt; we level up—we live, move, and have our being; we do not merely exist. 'He must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of truth.' Under the Great Companion, our leaders give us impetus—impulse—inspiration, helping to solve the problems of today, and unconsciously, perhaps, shaping unborn tomorrows. My colleagues, we have made the tour together—and in retrospect we see the men who have the vision but are not visionaries. May we all ring true and have that 'largeness of heart' which Solomon prized, and of which that great leader, Dr. J. Fort Newton, wrote in that capstone of the Craft, 'The Builders': 'Happy have we met, happy may we part, and happy to meet again.'"

M. E. Companion WALTER H. DAVIS, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion HARRY T. SMITH, Grand Scribe E.

For W. B. M.

CONNECTICUT.

The One Hundred Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held in the City of Hartford, May 13, 1924. It is now the first of August, and yet the proceedings have been on our desk for some time. This is what we term efficiency. Of course, it couldn't be otherwise with such a Grand High Priest as Companion F. WARD DEKLYN, and such a Secretary as Companion GEORGE S. KIES. Then, Kies is the Foreign Correspondent, so the proceedings are not held up by that Committee.

After the regular opening of Grand Chapter, visitors from the Grand Chapters of New Jersey, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and the General Grand Chapter of the United States were received and welcomed. It would seem that these Grand Officers make a habit of visiting each other's Jurisdiction every time they have an opportunity. Pennsylvania was represented by its Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Most Excellent Grand Secretary. They report a wonderful meeting.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, F. Ward DeKlyn, is one which many other Grand High Priests might well use as a model. In it he lays before the Companions of Connecticut a complete, concise review of the work of Grand Chapter during the past year. On present conditions he says:

"The Chapters as a whole are in excellent condition.

"While there is not the rush of candidates that we had a few years ago, the effect of that rush is seen in the apparent lack of interest of those who were exalted at that time in the work of their respective Chapters. This lack of interest is also seen among the older members of our Chapters, and I am sorry to say that it is not alone affecting our Masonry, but also in our public affairs with our duties as citizens of our Republic. This lack of interest should be given our earnest consideration, and an effort made to keep our Order in the place it deserves in our respective communities."

He reports the death during the year of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and Past Grand High Priest, Companion Isaiah Baker, Jr., and M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion Eugene S. Hall.

He made many visitations during the year, not only to subordinate Chapters, but to other Grand Chapters.

A number of dispensations are reported, all of which were well within the dispensing power. Of course, none were issued to hasten Brethren through.

Among the recommendations is one that a regulation be adopted prohibiting Chapters from conferring degrees in any other place than their own room, except at the invitation of another Chapter.

He also recommended the adoption of the ritual of the General Grand Chapter.

It would seem that in Connecticut each Chapter is the judge of the ritual it will practice. We believe this to be fundamentally wrong. Each Sovereign Jurisdiction should have a ritual which should be used by every Chapter.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion WILLIAM O. SHELLEY, reported nineteen visitations, all of which seem to have been most profitable.

The Grand King also reported twenty visitations, and the Grand Scribe reported fourteen visitations. Verily, Companion DEKLYN saw to it that his associate Grand Officers had plenty to do.

The Grand Secretary reports: Number of Chapters, 44; exaltations, 915; other gains, 18; losses, 255;

net gain for the year, 678; present membership, 15,798. Every Chapter did work during the year. He received from various sources during the year $7429.20.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $9284.60.

The review of proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions up to April 10, 1924, is by M. E. Companion GEORGE S. KIES, P. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary. It is brief, but gives many important matters which are no doubt of interest and benefit to the Companions of Connecticut. He criticizes California's decision refusing to receive a petition for affiliation from a non-resident. He quotes with approval from New York the following:

"The objects of the Order of DeMolay are unquestionably proper and desirable and our sympathies are with the right development of the growth of our country, but as a Masonic appendix let us vote 'Nay.'"

Amen.

Under New York he well says:

"While our sympathy is with such disabled men, we strongly disapprove of this class legislation. Masonry will live after the late war is relegated to ancient history."

But we must not linger, much as we desire so to do.

Pennsylvania is accorded a double-header, reviewing 1922 and 1923. We are dealt with most kindly, especially M. E. Past Grand High Priest MEREDITH's

views on several matters. Alas, we are now deprived the counsels of that venerable sage.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM O. SHELLEY, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion GEORGE S. KIES, Grand Secretary.

For W. B. M.

DELAWARE.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware was held in the City of Wilmington, January 16, 1924, with all the Grand Officers present—ten Past Grand High Priests, five subordinate Chapters represented, and Representatives from the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and New Jersey present.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion CHARLES E. WILLING, delivered his annual address, in which he recounted the work of the year. He pays a loving and well-deserved tribute to the memory of two Past Grand High Priests of that Jurisdiction who have entered into rest during the year. He reports two waivers of jurisdiction granted (one of them to Pennsylvania), and that he refused to ask Pennsylvania for a waiver of jurisdiction, in which he was not sustained by the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address. We are of opinion that the Committee was right. If the request for waiver of juris-

diction from Pennsylvania had been asked we are certain it would have been granted.

He reports a Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware on May 11, to receive the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN. It was a red letter day for the Companions of Delaware, and right royally did they welcome the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest.

He reports his visit to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania at the Quarterly Communication held December 3. He reports having had a good time.

He made five official visitations during the year, each of which ended with the inevitable banquet, "after which we left feeling that the bonds of friendship were more securely riveted."

The report on membership shows: Exalted during the year, 54; affiliated, 3; total gain, 57; lost by death, etc., 33; net gain, 24; present membership, 2048.

The address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest covered practically every phase of the activities of the Grand Chapter during the year, and it certainly gives the Companions of Delaware a fine report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in that State.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion THOMAS J. DAY. In forty-three pages he briefly but carefully reviews fifty-seven Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania for 1922 is accorded a full page. The correspondent confines himself strictly to facts and quotations, without comment.

Companion JOHN E. KRAUS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN W. MACKLEM, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

For W. B. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held February 13, 1924, at seven o'clock P. M. One evening sufficed for the transaction of the business of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest, Companion ROE FULKERSON, in the opening of his address said:

"Companions, tonight I bring back to port the Capitular ship entrusted to my keeping one year ago. The voyage has not been in any way remarkable. Fair skies and quiet seas have prevailed. There have been no wild storms of contention, no tidal waves of discord. The only difficulties of navigation have been the chilling icebergs of indifference met in every sea voyage."

He reports the completion of a Chapel at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, to be known as Royal Arch Hall.

He granted three dispensations to ballot out of time, the reasons in each case being considered good. Also one dispensation for a new Chapter, recommending the granting of a charter.

The Grand Officers officially visited each of the fourteen Chapters in the Jurisdiction. This is fine work, but only possible where an entire Grand Jurisdiction is within the limits of one city.

A balance sheet showing receipts, expenditures, securities, furniture and property owned by each Chapter, amount expended for relief and other items, gives one of the most illuminating sets of statistics it has been our good fortune to see. I hope the day will come when all Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges will do likewise. This table shows the subordinate Chapters have $90,974.15 and expended last year for relief $2255.60. Another table equally well prepared shows the work each Chapter did during the year. There were 487 exalted during the year, with a net gain of 257. Total membership, 6498.

SIMON BUBE, Grand High Priest.

ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, Grand Secretary.

For W. B. M.

ENGLAND.

We have often wondered why M. E. Companion MEREDITH, in reviewing England, did not tell us more about its activities. We now *know*.

We have before us the printed minutes of the Quarterly Convocations held November 1, 1922, February 7, 1923, May 2, 1923, August 1, 1923, and May 7, 1924, as well as the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons on Tuesday, March 4, 1924, and Tuesday, June 3, 1924.

There were granted at the Quarterly Convocation August 1, 1923, twenty-one warrants for new Chapters to be attached to as many different Lodges. This is the English system. Chapters are attached to Lodges. We think the following, which we clip from the proceedings, will be of unusual interest to the Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania. The First Grand Principal said:

"I daresay there is not a Companion present who is aware that we have no fraternal intercourse with the Royal Arch Masons of Canada, although this has unfortunately been the case for the past forty years. In the year 1885 a difference of opinion arose between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Chapter of England, in consequence of an alleged encroachment of territorial rights, and the result was that an edict of non-intercourse was issued, on the 7th of January, 1886, by the Grand Chapter of Quebec against this Grand Chapter, and also against the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. I must explain here that in Canada the Masonic system is largely based upon the practice of Scotch Chapters, and those of the American States, in which the Royal Arch and the Mark, and other additional degrees are closely connected.

"The origin of the dispute was the constitution of a new Royal Arch Chapter, by the Grand Chapter of England, within the Jurisdiction of the

Grand Chapter of Quebec. It was contended by the Canadian Companions that, since England had recognized the independence of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Quebec, this Grand Chapter had no longer any right to institute a new private Chapter within the Canadian Jurisdiction. The position taken up by this Grand Chapter was, *that the private Chapter in question had only been established in connection with a Craft Lodge, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, which was already in existence.* As no means were found of arriving at an agreement, the Grand Chapter of Quebec issued an edict of non-intercourse, not only against this Grand Chapter, but also against the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. Other Grand Chapters in Canada and the United States were in sympathy with the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and associated themselves with the edict.

"Companions will see at once how the fundamental difference between our two systems brought about a somewhat complicated situation, which may, even at the present time, seem to present difficulties which cannot easily be surmounted. I am, however, confident, as the result of personal conversations with Brethren and Companions in Canada, that these differences are capable of easy adjustment, without any sacrifice of principle. The old saying that 'where there is a will there is a way' holds good, and where there is a good will, such as undoubtedly exists in Canada, there is also a good way. While I was in Canada I had long conversations on this matter with M. W. Brother Colonel W. R. Ponton, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, and also with M. W. Brother L. Alexander Cameron, a Past Grand Master, and a Past Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and I am, therefore, in a position to carry on personal negotiations with them, which will, I am confident, lead to a result which we must all desire.

"The first step has, indeed, already been made, for at the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, held in February, 1922, the Committee of Fraternal Correspondence of that body recommended that negotiations for fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter of England, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, be at once entered upon, with a view to the renewal of the former fraternal relationship. All that is needed now, so far as the Royal Arch degree is concerned, is that a definite move should be made in England, and this is all that I am asking you to do. I am hopeful that the example, which I trust you will set here this evening, will be followed by the Grand Mark Lodge, to which a communication has already been addressed by the Freemasons of Canada.

"I trust that I have given a sufficient explanation and justification for the resolution, which I now beg to move."

The resolution was seconded by the President of the Committee of General Purposes, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

Grand Chapter was then closed in *Ancient and Solemn Form.*

At the close of the proceedings the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

The following is the usual form of petition for a Chapter as recorded in the minutes:

"From Companion T. H. Openshaw, as Z, Frank G. Burnes as H, Walter Grimes as J and others for a Chapter *to be attached to Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528,* to be called Lancastrian Chapter, and to meet at the Hotel Cecil, London." (Italics ours.)

There are no statistical tables showing membership or number of existing Chapters. There are, however, reported contributions from 1292 Chapters, amounting to 4892 pounds.

M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Pro. First Grand Principal.

After a very long list of officers and Past Officers, a footnote informs us:

"These offices, according to the Regulations of the Order, devolve upon the Companions holding corresponding positions in Grand Lodge."

For W. B. M.

FLORIDA.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida was held in the City of Jacksonville, May 20 and 21, 1924.

After opening Grand Chapter, receiving Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions (Pennsylvania represented), and appointment of committees, M. E. Grand High Priest Companion ELY P. HUBBEL delivered his annual address.

In this address he gives to the Companions a complete review of the activities of Grand Chapter during the year. He devotes three pages of introduction to the spirit of lawlessness, or rather disrespect of authority, prevalent in the world today. No very clear solution of the problem is set forth.

A loving tribute is paid to the memory of two Past Grand High Priests of Florida who passed beyond the vail during the year. Reference is made to a custom in Florida which I have not noted elsewhere: the Grand Chapter bears the expense of a monument at the last resting place of its Past Grand High Priests.

The Grand High Priest reports that he had assigned himself a long list of Chapters to visit during the year, but "unexpected conditions not necessary to enumerate interfered, and I was obliged to

forego this great pleasure." He says: "I am firmly convinced that the visit of a Grand Officer is greatly beneficial to any Chapter and should be generally observed," with which we all agree.

Two new Chapters were constituted and start off bravely; may their zeal not wane nor their courage abate after the first flush of having a warrant has passed.

Dispensations for haste in conferring degrees were wisely withheld.

A decision was rendered that a Brother who had received the degrees of Mark Master and Past or Installed Master in a Lodge in Scotland might be healed by being re-obligated in a Chapter in Florida, and then petition for the remainder of the Capitular Degrees. The decision was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, but it does not seem clear to us on just what ground it was necessary that the Brother be healed. No irregularity is shown in conferring the degrees, and Florida being in fraternal relations with Scotland, we cannot quite follow the logic of the decision. However, the result was proper, no matter what the route.

The question of Grand Representatives was taken up by the Grand High Priest, and all those who had not attended Grand Chapter for three years were asked very diplomatically if they still wished to continue. It would seem quite a number of the Com-

panions wished to be relieved, and thirteen new Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Florida were appointed.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized and exchange of Grand Representatives authorized.

The Grand Secretary's report shows five hundred forty (540) exaltations during the year; present membership, 7405; net gain, 292.

The finances are in good shape, with a balance on hand of $16,099.17. Appropriations amounting to $5098.50 were recommended, which included $500 to George Washington National Masonic Association and $400 for scholarships for two girls in women's colleges.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion Ely P. Hubbel, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. It is his eighth, and is a very complete review of the doings of Capitular Masonry.

Pennsylvania is accorded a double-header, being reviewed for both 1922 and 1923 in a most fraternal manner. He says that it is not clear to him why a Chapter asked permission of Grand Chapter to receive a fourth petition from a Brother. The reason is that the Brother had been three times rejected by the Chapter, and under the provisions of our Consti-

tution this ends all action by the Chapter except by special permission of Grand Chapter. This is seldom asked, but Grand Chapter, being sovereign, can grant permission to receive a fourth or fifth petition should the facts warrant.

A liberal quotation is made from M. E. Companion MEREDITH's introduction to the 1923 Correspondence Report. Sad to say, it was his last, as he entered into rest May 17, 1924. This report is written by a 'prentice hand instead of by the Master Builder.

M. E. ERLE L. WIRT, Grand High Priest.

M. E. WILBUR P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary.

For W. B. M.

GEORGIA, 1923.

The One Hundred and First Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia assembled at the City Hall, in Macon, at ten A. M., April 25, 1923. All Grand Officers were in attendance, also thirteen Past Grand High Priests, a Past Grand Secretary and many Representatives, but the Grand Representative of Pennsylvania near Georgia was absent.

M. E. Companion JOE P. BOWDOIN, a Past Grand High Priest of Georgia, was present as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and Companion

P. T. McCUTCHEN was present as newly-elected Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Georgia.

M. E. Companion AUGUSTUS G. MILLER, Grand High Priest, in his address refers to the time which should elapse "before an application could be received and considered for the degrees in a higher branch of Masonry." He expressed the belief "that candidates for the degrees should be able to prove themselves proficient in the preceding degrees before being permitted to advance."

He recommended the appropriation of $2880 to pay the expenses of the Past Grand High Priests and the then Grand Council to the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

He sounded a keynote when he said:

"The perpetuity of our institutions and the destiny of our country rests in the training for citizenship of the children of our land. The hope of the nation lies in the schools and colleges of the country. If there was any lesson learned by our people from that hated nation, the Germans, it was the power for good or for ill which lies in the public institutions of learning. As go our children so goes the nation. From one side of our country to the other this truth is being fully realized and tremendous efforts are being put forth to give to our children the best educational advantages possible, and to counteract the powerful influences which are being exerted to break down public education."

He made some visitations, but reported on only one.

The Grand Lecturer, R. E. Companion E. A. McHAN, who is also Grand Secretary, presented an in-

teresting report of his activities and the general Capitular conditions. He made eighty-one visitations to subordinate Chapters, and about as many more to other bodies.

He said: "The suspension of members for nonpayment of dues has become a very serious problem," reporting that fifty Chapters suspended four hundred eighty-one and had received but five hundred twenty-six, and asks: "Wherein is the trouble?" May we in turn ask, is this not a blessing in disguise? We believe many men have become nominal Masons and members of the several bodies during the past few years of unusual prosperity who make poor Masons, and the elimination process referred to may be an aid to eliminate from our ranks many who never will become worthy Craftsmen.

The Committee on Charters recommended granting of charters to two new Chapters, and the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on General Welfare recommended "that all applicants for the Capitular degrees be required to furnish and be made a part of their petition, a certificate of proficiency in the Master's degree from their Lodge." This was not adopted, but laid on the table to be brought up at the next Annual Convocation. This committee also recommended that the Grand High Priest personally visit as many Chapters as is possible.

The proceedings contain a picture of M. E. Companion AUGUSTUS G. MILLER, Past Grand High Priest; tabular statements and statistical tables; the proceedings of the Order of High Priests and the report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by Companion CHARLES L. BASS, in which no reference is made to Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion CLARENCE H. ANDREW, Grand High Priest, Macon.

R. E. Companion EDGAR A. MCHAN, Grand Secretary, Macon.

H. F. B.

GEORGIA, 1924.

The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia assembled at the City Hall, in the City of Macon, Georgia, at ten A. M., April 30, 1924.

All Grand Officers were in attendance. This Convocation was honored by the presence of M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the United States of America; Ill. Companion F. A. JOHNSON, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia; M. E. Companion JOHN G. GREER, Grand High Priest of Tennessee, and M. E. Companion PRIEST V. BOOR, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri.

The General Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter in his customary masterful manner and with many words of wisdom. He called attention to the present interest in Capitular Masonry, stating that "never before in the history of the world has Royal Craft Masonry been more enthused than at the present time." He sounded his keynote of "more dignified and impressive ritualism and the moral and educational value of the Capitular degrees." We believe with him that:

"It has been established beyond a doubt that even the most light-headed of men prefer dignified work and an occasional glimpse of the moral and intellectual values contained therein. Freemasonry is a great school in which every Freemason, if he desires, may educate himself. A Freemason ought to be an independent man, with no yoke about his neck. When Freemasons can analyze questions, consider them deliberately, come to a rational conclusion, they are coming closer to receive the Master's Word. The second lesson is that of self-control, obedience to constituted authority. The keystone of the Royal Arch should bear upon it 'I serve.' Service, self-sacrifice, should be the battle cry of Freemasonry. And he who does not wish to serve or sacrifice will never discover the Master's Word."

These few thoughts culled from a most enlightening address are indicative of the thoughts of that remarkable and most beloved Mason, the now deceased General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, a Past Grand Secretary, many Grand Representatives, but none representing Pennsylvania, were among those present at this well-attended meeting.

M. E. Companion CLARENCE HYDE ANDREW, the Grand High Priest, presented a voluminous address, full of interesting accomplishments. He made twenty-four visitations upon subordinate Chapters. Two new Chapters were constituted.

This Grand Jurisdiction is divided into fourteen Districts, each with a complete corps of officers who are the personal representatives of the Grand High Priest, and hold District Conventions whereby the work is improved and Capitular knowledge communicated. A very good system.

The Grand High Priest had occasion to issue numerous dispensations.

A general Convocation was held in every Chapter in Georgia on October 24, 1923, in honor of the General Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest recommended action looking toward the establishment of "The Royal Arch and Eastern Star Home for the Aged."

ORDER DEMOLAY.

The Grand High Priest reported:

"None of the Chapters have sponsored any Chapters of DeMolay, though Chapters have been sponsored by other Masonic bodies in Atlanta, Augusta and Newnan. There is no doubt that the establishment of these Chapters, sponsored by Royal Arch Chapters or by any other Masonic body, under the direction of the right sort of men, will mean not only a great thing for the welfare of the boy, but also for future growth of Masonry."

The Masonic Home Print Shop established to enable children in the Masonic Home to learn the printer's art is now an accomplished fact and a seemingly good experiment. This shop printed the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

R. E. Companion E. A. McHan, Grand Secretary, in his capacity as Grand Lecturer, presented a very comprehensive report. He mentioned that "the failure of most Chapters to measure up to their possibilities is chargeable to their High Priests and Secretaries." This is no doubt universally true, and we, in Pennsylvania, are endeavoring to demand efficient High Priests and to enlighten and produce better Secretaries. He expressed the conviction that there is nothing more important to the success of Capitular Masonry than the District Conventions. From what we can learn, this is verity itself.

He reported that nearly one thousand Companions were exalted at the General Convocation on October 24, in honor of the General Grand High Priest and the Grand High Priest. The Grand Lecturer, in the performance of his duty, during the past year traveled 25,000 miles, driving his car more than 19,000 miles. His report is replete with evidences of a strenuous year of service.

The report of R. E. Companion E. A. McHan, as Grand Secretary, is complete, and while it shows an unusually large number of suspensions, substantial net numerical gain is evidenced.

The Grand Secretary-Lecturer, in his report on the cornerstone laying of the George Washington Memorial, states: "Our greatest pleasure, however, was to meet our good friends, M. E. Companion Joseph E. Quinby and M. E. Companion John M. Core, whom we had the pleasure of entertaining at our Centennial celebration two years ago." Evidently our said Grand Officers are as welcome to Georgians as to Pennsylvanians.

While the writer appreciates that the work of a Grand Chapter is largely performed by committees, the Grand Chapter approving or rejecting the reports, and more particularly the recommendations of the committees, the proceedings of this Convocation do not indicate the action of the Grand Chapter on numerous important recommendations of the several committees, though we presume the reports were duly received and the recommendations adopted. Presumptions, however, being, to say the least, dangerous, we refrain from comment or quotation of possible action in some very important matters.

The proceedings contain a picture of that indefatigable Christian gentleman, M. E. Companion Clarence Hyde Andrew, now Past Grand High Priest of Georgia. Tabular statements and statistical tables, as also the Report of Foreign Correspondence

by Companion CHARLES L. BASS, who reviewed Pennsylvania, 1923, are included therein.

EARLY H. JOHNSON, Grand High Priest, Atlanta.
EDGAR A. MCHAN, Grand Secretary, Macon.

H. F. B.

IDAHO.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Idaho was held in the Masonic Hall, at Bonners Ferry, October 12, 1923, with but one regular Grand Officer, M. E. Companion JAY R. MASON, Grand High Priest, in attendance, all other officers being "acting" Companions. The purpose of the meeting was the constitution of Bonners Ferry Chapter, No. 25, theretofore under dispensation.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple, Boise, Idaho, on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of May, A. D. 1924, at ten A. M. This Convocation was attended by all but two of the regular Grand Officers. Representatives from all but four subordinate Chapters were in attendance. Companion EDWARD L. GAUGER, Past High Priest, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Idaho, was present.

This Grand Chapter Convocation was honored by that beloved and late deceased Mason, the then Most

Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN.

CHARLES C. MOORE, Governor of Idaho, welcomed Grand Chapter while at refreshment.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest JAY R. MASON presented his report, in which we note a decision that a High Priest cannot remove any officer "at any time for just cause." He made twenty visitations to subordinate Chapters.

We learned with pleasure of a recommendation which we feel should be universal law:

"The High Priest should be competent to confer all the Chapter degrees, and that this may be brought about, I recommend for your careful consideration that the High Priest, before being installed, should have a certificate of proficiency from the Grand Lecturer, setting forth that he is fully competent to confer the Chapter degrees."

We are not surprised at this statement:

"The Grand Chapter listened to one of the most wonderful, impressive and instructive addresses in its history by the General Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN."

He had a reputation for making such addresses.

The report of the Grand Treasurer, Companion EDWARD SMITH, and the Report of the Grand Secretary, Companion EDWARD H. WAY, reflect improved financial and numerical conditions.

M. E. Companion HENRY LEIMBERGER, Past Grand High Priest, in his capacity as Grand Lecturer, presented a lengthy but very interesting report of Capit-

ular conditions in Idaho. A series of visitations during September and October, 1923, took him and the Grand High Priest over eighteen hundred miles. The total mileage for the year was twenty-nine hundred miles, and in covering which he visited twenty-one of twenty-three chartered Chapters. His findings were generally favorable, but in his report says:

"Some action by this Grand Chapter with a view of requiring a certain degree of proficiency before the High Priest presumes to preside over a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is very much needed and desired."

The Grand Chapter at refreshment witnessed the exemplification of the Most Excellent Master's Degree by Boise Chapter, No. 3.

M. E. Companion Walter Daniels, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of Utah, was welcomed at the second day's session.

A resolution was adopted extending fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and authorizing an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Jurisprudence Committee hesitated to adopt the recommendation of the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer as to the proficiency of High Priests, and recommended this charge to the High Priest:

"That you believe that the success of your Chapter depends much upon the proficiency of all officers in the effective rendition of the ritual, and that you will exert every effort to the end that your subordinate officers perfect themselves in the work of the ritual, and that you will yourself so perfect yourself in the conferring of all degrees that the charge

may not be made against you and your Chapter that you have failed during your term to add lustre as a worthy unit of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.''

We fear the Committee lost sight of the fact that not every Royal Arch Mason can add lustre to Capitular Masonry as a High Priest, and that others will not if they can. Such certainly should not become High Priests, in our humble judgment.

Past Grand High Priests WILLIAM WALLIN and JAY R. MASON were elected as additional delegates to the General Grand Chapter meeting at Portland, Maine, September 10, 1924.

Memorial pages are included in the Proceedings, with lists of Past Grand Officers, present Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter and of Grand Chapters, returns of constituent Chapters; synopsis of returns and the Fraternal Correspondence, including Pennsylvania, 1922.

A picture of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion JAY R. MASON appears as a frontispiece.

HARRY P. WOLF, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Cœur d'Alene.

EDWARD H. WAY, Grand Secretary, Boise.

H. F. B.

ILLINOIS, 1923.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the grand ballroom of the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, on Thursday, October 25, 1923.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, was present at this largely attended meeting. Other distinguished visitors included Companion ARTHUR E. WOOD, Past Grand High Priest and present Grand Master of Masons of Illinois; Companion CHARLES C. DAVIS, General Grand Captain of the Host of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; Companion MELVILLE H. LEIGHTON, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Illinois, and Companion HARRY WALTER HANSON, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Illinois.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. EICHLER, Grand High Priest, presented a voluminous report of his virile Jurisdiction. He reported a net gain in membership of over four thousand. He referred to the passing of Companion WARREN G. HARDING, our lamented President; also to the death of Past M. E. Grand High Priest FREDERICK E. HOBERG.

Illinois maintains a force of twenty-seven District Inspectors. Even this number leaves considerable

work for each. They reported on *every* Chapter in the State. Five schools were held. Five new Chapters were constituted and four instituted. The Grand High Priest, naturally because of the size of this Grand Jurisdiction both in area and numbers, was obliged to grant numerous interstate courtesies, and likewise had to request many. He also granted quite a few dispensations, mostly to elect and install officers.

Among Grand Representatives whom he recommended, ALBERT P. BAUER, of Chicago, was on August 1, 1923, appointed in place of JOHN MCCURDY, inactive, as the Representative of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Many Chapters held Grand High Priest's night, when the Grand High Priest was in attendance. He also made numerous other visitations to Chapters, and installed the Officers in eighteen Chapters.

The Grand High Priest recommended suitable action on the proclamation of the President of the United States regarding Education Week.

The reports of the District Inspectors are filled with favorable mention of activities, showing a healthy condition of Capitular Masonry in Illinois.

The Report of M. E. Companion GEORGE W. CURTIS showed a cash balance in his hands of $46,351.08; securities, $35,000; total cash and securities held, $81,351.08.

The report of M. E. Companion JAMES E. JEFFERS, Grand Secretary, showed marked improvement in the manner of making reports from two hundred and thirty chartered Chapters. It evidenced that Illinois is still the largest Grand Jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masons in the world, according to numbers, having a total membership of 82,345. The Grand Secretary called attention to the fact "that for the last three years, the printed proceedings were mailed out inside of five weeks from the date on which the Grand Chapter closed, and last year they were ready in just thirty days." One result of this is that we are able to review Illinois, 1923 and 1924, for this issue, the latter being received by the writer a few days before this work goes to press.

We heartily believe in the following from the report of the Committee on Annual Report of Grand High Priest:

"As it is always an honor to a Chapter to have a Grand High Priest visit it, officially or otherwise, this Committee heartily congratulates our Grand High Priest on his ability to make so many visitations and to mingle so often and so much with the Companions, for such intermingling with the Royal Craft means great good to the Chapters."

And the Grand High Priest well deserves this compliment:

"The Grand High Priest has at all times been in close touch with the Companions throughout the State, and he has brought to this Grand Chapter all the energy, enthusiasm and good judgment of his vigorous body and mind."

The Committee on Celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary recommended that it be in the nature of

a musical and literary feast such as would make not only an impression on the minds and hearts of those present, but be a worth-while contribution to Masonic history in Illinois, omitting the material feast, which is expensive and has no lasting value.

Five thousand dollars was appropriated for the maintenance and support of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan, Illinois.

The new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized, and arrangements made for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Companion Frank F. Collins again presented the Obituary Report. While we have had the pleasure on but a few occasions to read his reports, we are frank to say that if there was anything in our lives to merit praise, we should like him to write our memorial, but, just as certainly we should not want him to do so, if our lives would not pass his test of value, feeling certain we would receive our just deserts. He surely knows how to chisel off the rough edges in performing an unpleasant duty by presenting most delightful memories of the departed friends. His test of greatness lies in service.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States "delivered a magnificent, forceful and intensely interesting address."

Companion RUFUS A. WHITE, Grand Chaplain, followed with a soul-inspiring oration stressing the need of Masonry in the great social battle of the time. He spoke of completing Americanism by the elimination of the hyphen. And:

"If we are going to have a real America here, the America that you and I believe in, dream of and pray for, we shall have in the future no babble of tongues in America. There should be no education in the schools of America in any tongue but the American tongue. If I had my way in America today there should be no religious schools in America below the American high school. There would not be a foreign language paper printed in America if I had my way."

His sentiments should be generally diffused.

The Proceedings are replete with statistical tables and general Capitular information both historical and recent, including Abstract of Returns of Chapters, the Special Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood and the Sixty-ninth Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood and the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations. M. E. Companion E. R. TURNBULL is still Chairman of this Committee and fraternally reviewed Pennsylvania, 1922.

J. C. FERRIN, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Chicago.

JAMES E. JEFFERS, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Springfield.

H. F. B.

ILLINOIS, 1924.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the grand ballroom of the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, on Thursday, October 30, 1924, at ten A. M.

All Grand Officers were present, also Companion CHARLES C. DAVIS, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

Previous to opening the Grand Chapter the Oxford Quartette of Chicago delighted the assembled Companions with a short musical program.

The Grand Representatives were formally received, including Companion AL. P. BAUER, representing Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion J. C. FERRIN, Grand High Priest, in his address referred to the passing to the Great Beyond of that most beloved Mason, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, who died suddenly on September 2, 1924. He also reported that:

"The ranks of our official family have not been invaded during the past year, but three of our beloved Past Grand High Priests have gone from the 'valley of the shadows,' and entered into the 'Garden of Immortality.' They are:

"M. E. Companion JOHN C. HALLENBECK,

"M. E. Companion FRANK SPENCER, and

"M. E. Companion SAMUEL SHANNON."

He referred to the visit to Chicago of the Earl of Cassillis, Supreme First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and reported the re-establishment of fraternal relations between the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

He reported having "visited a goodly number of Chapters during the year"—and having found them "endeavoring to confer the degrees in a dignified manner and in conformity with our splendid ritual."

He granted many dispensations, but also refused many. Of the latter were requests to hold meetings on other dates, as stated meetings fell on holidays; to hold a meeting in a town other than where permanently located, "to advertise the Chapter," and to receive and ballot on petitions at a special Convocation.

Five new Chapters were constituted and three instituted.

He reported:

"a growing tendency to set at naught the example of our ancient Brethren, wherein we are taught to 'reverence the Sabbath day and keep it holy.' Each returning summer tends to increase the number of Sunday picnics given by Royal Arch Chapters, or under the subterfuge of some club having the sanction of a Royal Arch Chapter,"

And expressed the belief that

"The sincerity of our profession is justly judged by the degree of consistency with which we observe them, and if we hope to retain the respect and confidence of the outside world and avoid the appearance of hypocrisy

and insincerity, we must endeavor to live up to our professions, and practice outside the Chapter those virtues that are inculcated in it. The formation of any club whose membership is made up of the members of a Chapter should be under the direct supervision of such Chapter, and the Excellent High Priest should be held responsible for any acts of such club, whereby the name of Royal Arch Masonry is brought into disrepute, either by the character, advertising, or otherwise.''

The reports of the District Inspectors reflect continued prosperity of Capitular Masonry in Illinois.

R. E. Companion J. E. Jeffers, Grand Secretary, reported a new increase in membership of 4067.

M. E. Companion Everett R. Turnbull, the Committee on Fraternal Relations, presented his report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the proceedings. It includes a review of Pennsylvania, 1923.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters reported at length the deficiencies of the several Chapters and their Officers, but arrived at the conclusion that there has been "an ever-increasing gain in membership and the employment of much improved methods of cultivation in the 'Masonic Vineyard' of this Capitular Jurisdiction." The present membership is 86,410, or 31.8 per cent. of the membership of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which is 271,371.

Reports of Chartered Chapters follow the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

The report of the Committee on Charters Under Dispensation recommending charters for two new Chapters was adopted.

Fraternal relations were re-established with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland on recommendation of the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased to $4200.

The Special Hospital Committee appointed in 1923 to consider and report upon the need of additional hospital facilities at the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan reported that the Grand Lodge appropriated fifty thousand dollars for the construction and furnishing of an addition, provided Grand Chapter would contribute a like amount, and the Committee recommended Grand Chapter doing so. The report and recommendation were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Companion Richard C. Davenport, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was welcomed and thanked Grand Chapter for its liberality towards the Hospital and the Orphans' Home.

Companion William R. Wedderspoon, Grand Chaplain, delivered the annual oration, to which we always look forward with fond anticipations, never to be disappointed. After dwelling on the physical and spiritual development of man through the ages, he asks:

"How much of that which has been bequeathed to us are we ready and willing to let go? We fail to find men willing to let go any good temporal benefit. No one thinks of returning to the mud hut, the forked stick, the tallow dip, the log boat or the ox-cart. We would consider it

vandalism to destroy the great books of master minds, the pictures that are cherished as masterpieces, the music that has stirred the souls of men, the inventions which benefit and bless mankind, the scientific attainments which lead us into wonderland, the educational and benevolent institutions which are the glory of our day. No one thinks of refusing the money bequeathed him by those who toiled and saved before him. No. But the disheartening consciousness takes possession of us that some who have been richly dowered by the benefactions of the past seem willing to let go the moral and spiritual benefits. There are those who seem willing to let go some of the Ten Commandments, the worship of Almighty God and the heritage of a pious parentage. These are a law unto themselves, and by their selfishness handicap the efforts of the builders of the Temple of Righteousness. By their influence they lead others astray. Homes of happiness are invaded by impurity. Waste of substance in riotous living is flaunted, substance which should be used in honorable stewardship. Honored family name is dragged down and disgraced.

"Companions, may it never be said that any of us are careless and indifferent to the heritage of the moral and spiritual Temple builders, or that we neglected our work in the quarry or the shop. It is ours in the noble sense to 'Carry on.'

"'In the name of God advancing,
Plow and sow and labor now,
Let there be when evening cometh,
Honest sweat upon thy brow.
And the Master then will greet thee
At the setting of the sun,
Saying as he pays Thy wages,
Good and faithful one, well done.'"

The Committee on Jurisprudence concurred with the M. E. Grand High Priest in disapproval of the practice by certain Chapters of simultaneously balloting with separate ballot boxes on two or three candidates and voiced its opinion that such practice "is a menace to the sanctity of the ballot and a safe or intelligent selection of candidates."

This Committee also concurred most heartily in all that has been expressed by the Most Excellent

Grand High Priest concerning "clubs and Sabbath desecration" and called attention to the fact that the evils are within reach of edicts of the Grand High Priest, in whose hands the disposition of any evils was left.

The Obituary Report by Companion FRANK F. COLLINS is again peculiarly his product. It is different, and therein lies its unusual value. He himself says of it: "I have not presented, nor do I now intend to present, any sob stuff in memory of our departed brethren." As usual he stresses service and the value of initiative. He says:

"The hiding places of the world treasures were not found by chance: silk hidden in the fiber of cotton, bright metal in common clay, silver in lead, deadly poisons as well as healing medicines in a lump of coal, exquisite dyes and delightful perfumes in a pot of tar. These, I say, were not found by chance, but by ceaseless study. Wisdom is a supreme treasure."

Speaking of Past General Grand High Priest WILLIAM F. KUHN, he said:

"It seemed to me that he showed most plainly that he was getting the most out of Masonry because he was putting something into it by applying its principles of life to the help of humanity."

He recorded the death of our dear Past Grand High Priests, HIBBERT P. JOHN and WILLIAM B. MEREDITH.

He closes his report with this truth:

" 'Nothing makes a man immortal so much as rendering some service of eternal value.' "

The proceedings contain a wealth of Capitular information, the minutes of the Seventieth Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and excellent pictures of retiring M. E. Companion J. C. FERRIN, Past Grand High Priest, and the present incumbent of the office of Grand High Priest of Illinois, M. E. Companion HIRAM A. CLEVENSTINE.

M. E. Companion HIRAM A. CLEVENSTINE, Grand High Priest, Rock Island.

R. E. Companion JAS. E. JEFFERS, Grand Secretary, Springfield.

H. F. B.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the City of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of October, A. D. 1923.

All Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-one Grand Representatives and representatives of one hundred and fourteen out of one hundred and twenty-six chartered Chapters, were present.

The following distinguished visitors were in attendance: R. E. General Grand Principal Sojourner

of the General Grand Chapter M. E. Companion Fay Hempstead, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas and Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council; M. E. Companion Henry W. Mordhurst, Right Puissant General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council, and M. E. Companion Robert A. Woods, Right Puissant General Grand Steward of the General Grand Council.

M. E. Companion Roy E. Tilford presented an exhaustive report of his administration during which there was no "great increase in numbers but one wherein we have tried to place each individual Chapter upon a more stable foundation." This we consider a laudable objective.

He gave considerable attention to having subordinate Chapters function properly, but was unable to attend many of their meetings. He was also unable to attend the meetings of any other Grand Chapters.

He approved a number of new by-laws, refusing, however, to approve one exempting the High Priest from paying dues, holding "that it was not in keeping with the office of High Priest to receive pay for the work."

He reported on having refused to call a Special Convocation at the suggestion of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, the purpose of which was to be the conferring of the Most Excellent Master's degree in spec-

tacular form, in honor of the General Grand High Priest, which action was approved by Grand Chapter.

R. E. Companion Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary, reported a net gain in membership of 480.

E. Companion Herbert A. Graham, Grand Lecturer, seems to have had a strenuous year, doing excellent work in furthering the ritualistic work and the interests of Capitular Masonry in general. We fear he does not mean quite what he says after naming eight Chapters which held no meetings "because of the absence of officers who were away on vacation or for other good and sufficient reasons."

It is gratifying to read that:

"The proficiency shown by the officers in conferring degrees has been far beyond my expectation; not only in the larger cities is this true, but also in some of the smallest Chapters in the State, where I have witnessed most excellent renditions of the ritual."

The next place of annual meeting will be Terre Haute.

A sum not to exceed four hundred dollars was appropriated "for entertainment of Companions of other Jurisdictions in attendance at the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Portland, Me., in September, 1924."

The Committee on Appropriations recommended allowances of $300 to the Grand High Priest, $300

to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, 2 per cent. of receipts for the Grand Treasurer and $10 for the Grand Guard.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and the Grand Chapter of Queensland, 1918, and the matter of the General Grand Chapter versus the Grand Chapter of Texas was deferred.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended an amendment which was adopted as follows:

"An election to receive the degrees in a Chapter shall be valid for a period of one year following such election, after which it shall be null and void and the fee returned to the petitioner."

The proceedings contain amendments of general regulations and of by-laws, edicts, historical data, lists of Grand Chapters, their officers and addresses; lists of General Grand Chapter officers, of Grand Representatives, returns of Chapters, memorial pages, the minutes of the Council of High Priests and the report of the Committee on Correspondence, with the pictures of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Roy E. Tilford, the incoming Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion John H. Wineland, and the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion Robert A. Woods, who is also the Chairman

of the Committee on Correspondence, and submitted his thirteenth review.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. WINELAND, Grand High Priest, Elkhart.

M. E. Companion ROBERT A. WOODS, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, Princeton.

H. F. B.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Seventieth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Burlington, Iowa, on October 11, 1923, at nine A. M. Prior to the opening of Grand Chapter public exercises were conducted. Two Grand Officers were absent.

The following distinguished visitors were present: Companion HARRY E. VIRDEN, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Iowa; Companion ACE WEBSTER, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Iowa; Companion FREDERICK W. CRAIG, Past General Grand High Priest.

The Grand Representatives were presented in a body, welcomed by the Grand High Priest and response made by Companion C. B. WHELPLEY. Pennsylvania's Representative was absent.

M. E. Grand High Priest RAYMOND T. WARNER reported a net increase in membership of 739, making the total on January 1, 1923, 23,347. He says:

"We believe that, while less work has been done, it has been better work. We believe that the officers are studying their rituals more, know the work better, and most of the Chapters have eliminated all frivolity and try to impress upon their candidates the great lessons of the degrees. With the going of frivolity there has come to the candidates closer heed to the lessons taught and greater interest in the work. Such being the case, then Capitular Masonry has made a stride forward."

We believe this to be sound logic.

This Grand Chapter lost one of its Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion CROMWELL BOWEN.

Ten thousand leaflets, "A Word to Master Masons," were distributed.

The Grand High Priest refused to grant dispensations to hold regular meetings at other than the times stated in the By-laws of the subordinate Chapters.

He granted a dispensation for a new Chapter.

Companion EDWARD M. WILLARD, Past Grand High Priest, presented his report as Committee on Correspondence, which report was received and ordered printed in the proceedings. In it he fraternally reviews Pennsylvania, 1922.

The Committee on Address of the Grand High Priest and Doings of Grand Officers reported at length, congratulating the Grand High Priest on his administration and the conditions attained, saying:

"The better work of the Chapters, the elimination of frivolity and the consequently greater impress upon candidates and Companions of the beauties of the degrees and of the wonderful lessons taught, as reported by the Grand High Priest, cannot fail to bring about a wonderful growth in Royal Arch Masonry in the years to come. But let us not forget that a greater number of exaltations will not increase the prestige and power of the Grand Chapter unless the work is done well, the precepts firmly implanted in the minds of the candidates and the members so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry that they will all be willing and anxious to assist in rebuilding the house of the Lord, without the hope of fee or reward. The wide dissemination of the principle of active service to the great 'I AM,' through the spread of Capitular Masonry, will surely hasten the time when God's Kingdom will come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

On report by and recommendation of the Committee on Charters under Dispensation, a charter was granted to a new Chapter in Des Moines.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters made a full report, from which we learn of seventeen Chapters with no uncollected dues.

Fraternal relationship was established with the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan on recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Grand Chapter voted to present a flag of the State of Iowa to the Post Office Department to be placed in the Collection of State Flags at Washington, D. C.

The minutes of the Convocation are followed by lists of the changes of membership in subordinate Chapters; synopsis of the returns of subordinate

Chapters and much other Capitular information, mostly of a local nature, however.

It was interesting to note a large family of twenty Past Grand High Priests.

Companion C. Huttenlocher, Most Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood, presented an interesting address dealing primarily with the history of the Order, and made suggestions as to bringing about uniformity. He also reported on efforts to determine the advisability of creating a supreme body to control it.

The report on Correspondence concludes a volume of interesting and instructive Capitular information.

George E. Masters, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Glenwood.

Orvis F. Graves, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Harlan.

H. F. B.

IRELAND.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland meets at eight P. M. on the first Wednesday of February, May, July and November.

The Right Honorable The Lord Muskerry, Most Excellent Grand King, in addressing the Grand Reg-

istrar, states that "the prosperity of the Order has been maintained."

The great prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry during recent years has been well maintained. The number of brethren who have been exalted to the Royal Arch Degree is very gratifying. Many new warrants were granted, to be explicit, sixteen in number.

M. E. W. Redfern Kelly, First Principal of District Grand Chapter Antrim, in an interesting report says:

"I am much pleased to be able to state that in my District Royal Arch Masonry is improving, as well in quality as in quantity. A much keener interest than in former years is quite manifest, in so far as ritual matters are concerned, and the quality of the ritual work is vastly improved, which is largely owing to the zealous and sometimes arduous efforts of my instructors and inspectors, who are worthy of all praise for their devoted services."

M. E. Colonel The Right Honorable R. H. Wallace, First Principal of District Grand Chapter Down, calls attention that in his District there are seventy-one Chapters to one hundred and forty-two Craft Lodges. This is indeed an excellent showing.

M. E. William J. Threlfall, District First Principal, Londonderry, whose picture graces the report for 1923, wrote of the gratifying conditions in his District "in spite of the difficulties experienced by the Companions."

The other First Principals of the several Districts all present good reports, especially so because of many adverse conditions in this Jurisdiction.

Even South Africa "is making headway."

Generally speaking, this Grand Jurisdiction seems to be in an enviable condition in the face of adverse circumstances, and is worthy of the commendation of the Craft.

Lt.-Col. Oswald T. O'K. Webber, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Henry C. Shellard, V. E. Grand Registrar, Freemason's Hall, Dublin.

H. F. B.

KANSAS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in the Lodge Room of the new Scottish Rite Temple, Topeka, Kansas, on Monday, February 25, A. D. 1924, at two-thirty P. M.

M. E. Companion John W. Neilson, General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, was present.

Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters were presented at the altar and welcomed as such. They included in their number M. E. Companion

FRANK E. DAVIS, Past Grand High Priest, Pennsylvania's Representative near the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

M. E. Companion CHARLES N. FOWLER, Grand High Priest, delivered his address, reviewing the history and accomplishments of his Grand Chapter, *ab initio,* and asks a most pertinent question, which might, with propriety, be asked by all Capitular builders, *viz.:*

"Are we erecting the building of the same material as laid down in the original plans and specifications, or are we not constantly striving for new plans, adding new material until there is danger of overloading the old foundation, thus ruining the beautiful structure?"

He referred to the wisdom expounded by M. E. Companion RICHARD R. REES, the first Grand High Priest of Kentucky, at the close of the Civil War:

"Stand forever aloof from all jarring conquests around you. Remember that we occupy a platform so far above the world's cold conflicts that all the flags and banners of the earth commingle in one common hue. Companions, as citizens, discharge your duties to your country. . . . In all your varied relations of life, political, religious, social, domestic or fraternal, act freely, openly, manfully and independently, but beware of the insidious danger of one of these relations commingling with another. . . . However much in all the walks of life you may revere a home or kindred, friends or country, you know no ties but those which bind you to each other and cement the world-wide brotherhood of man into one community. . . . We ask not whence he came or what his kindred or faith; enough to know that he was formed by God Almighty's hand and meets us with the grip of Brotherhood. . . . Then stand aloof from all contending factions, whether sectional or national, world-wide or intestine; let all the elements of war and conflict rage; let the storm cloud burst in all its fury and in all its horrors; mingle with them as you may, . . . but in the name of Heaven and for the sake of Masonry mingle not the mystic band as such in this contending jar."

He reported not having made many visitations, partly because of other matters occupying his time, but primarily because of the arrangement whereby an Assistant Lecturer devotes his entire time to visiting, inspecting and instructing Chapters.

Among rulings we find:

"It is not lawful to transport elected petitioners or candidates to the Jurisdiction of another Chapter for the purpose of having degrees conferred, as such candidates are neither residents nor sojourners within the Jurisdiction of said Chapter."

Collective Balloting.

We are surprised to learn that:

"It has grown to be almost the universal habit among our Chapters to ballot on candidates collectively."

He reviewed the work of the Assistant Grand Lecturer, E. Companion La Velle C. Hicks, appointed in April, 1923, and who since has zealously and carefully complied with his instructions, without prejudice, fear or favor and, with the almost unanimous co-operation of officers of subordinate Chapters, realized a wonderful success in improving conditions in subordinate Chapters.

He says:

"Someone has said, 'A real Mason is one who so lives in the midst of this mystery-haunted world, who so works among the winged days that little children may be happier, youth more joyous, manhood more clean and old age less lonely; who so lives that men will hate less and love more, be honorable in public dealings as in private acts, create more than destroy, who so lives that the great kingdom of Brotherhood may be brought nearer and man be bound closer to man and woman closer to woman.'"

The following from the report of the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers is a just estimate of the Grand High Priest's address and his services:

"The Grand High Priest's address carefully and fully covers a year of splendid effort in Capitular activity. It is apparent that the past, present and future of the Craft has had most careful thought. His admonitions and interrogations are both timely and appropriate. Justice and moderation have been the controlling factors in his use of authority, and the advancement of the Fraternity in accord with the undebatable ideals of its founders the ever-controlling motive. The Grand Chapter will long hold him in kindly remembrance for his sound judgment, wise policy and constructive administration."

The Assistant Grand Lecturer, E. Companion La Velle C. Hicks, presented an interesting report of his maiden efforts in eliminating those things which only detract from the beautiful lessons Capitular Masonry teaches and in promoting uniformity in the keeping of the records and observance of law and authority, and in the elevation of the work to a higher standard.

R. E. Companion Albert K. Wilson, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented his annual report; also a special report recommending fraternal recognition of the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and also recommending the exchange of Representatives.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we learn that:

"The Past Master's degree may be conferred upon one or more candidates at the same time."

The picture of M. E. Companion CHARLES N. FOWLER, retiring Grand High Priest, appears as a frontispiece. Those of his appointive officers also appear in the proceedings; also statistical tables, memorial pages, a biographical sketch of M. E. Companion CHARLES NEWTON FOWLER, the proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood, and the Appendix, containing the report on Correspondence by R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, Chairman, in which Pennsylvania, 1922, is reviewed, complete an interesting and instructive volume of accomplishments in the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas.

M. E. WILLIAM EASTON HUTCHINSON, Grand High Priest, Garden City.

R. E. ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topeka.

H. F. B.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 16, 1923.

Seventeen of twenty-one Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

M. E. Companion JAMES GARNETT, Grand High Priest, in his address, mentioned the passing of two

of Kentucky's Past Grand High Priests and the increase in membership by 690 during the past year.

We cull this excellent action from his report:

"In an effort to spread the cement of brotherly love, I wrote a Christmas letter to the Past Grand High Priests, the Grand Officers, and the members of the several Committees, in which I asked that during the month of January they each visit a Chapter and deliver to the Companions there assembled a talk on the principles of Masonry. Many of them complied with my request and promptly wrote me accounts of their splendid meeting."

Under Inspection he reports that one hundred and nineteen Chapters out of one hundred and thirty-one were inspected, at an aggregate cost of $672.65.

He visited several Chapters, and granted many dispensations.

The General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, honored this Grand Chapter with his presence.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that a Convocation in honor of the General Grand High Priest be held in Louisville, Kentucky, which action was adopted by Grand Chapter.

Companion W. W. Clarke, the Committee on the Doings of other Grand Chapters, tendered the Committee report, in which he fraternally reviewed Pennsylvania, 1922, but applied the initials of the writer to another member of our Correspondence Committee.

The address of M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest, is printed in full in the proceedings. It, as usual, dealt with "more dignified and impressive ritualism and the moral and educational value of the Capitular degrees."

Companion OWEN D. THOMAS presented the Committee report on Our Homes, and reported the almost incredible statement that under a capable and generally well-conducted management of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, the per capita expense during the past year was but $192.30. Thirty-six widows, one hundred and ninety-six girls and two hundred and eight boys enjoy the accommodations of this institution.

Charters were granted to four new Chapters which had been acting under dispensations.

Companion C. E. PETERSON presented the report of the Committee on Inspections, showing a thorough inspection of almost all the subordinate Chapters, with a generally satisfactory condition prevailing.

Past Grand High Priest JOHN C. MCKEE presented the Necrology report. Kentucky lost two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion ROBERT RHODES BURNHAM and M. E. Companion JOHN H. LEATHERS.

The proceedings contain a picture of the incoming Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion A. GORDON

SULSER; lists of departed Craftsmen, Grand Representatives, Grand Officers, Grand Secretaries, statistical tables, lists of Chapters by counties, the returns of subordinate Chapters and the doings of other Grand Chapters.

A. GORDON SULSER, Grand High Priest, Maysville.

G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Grand Secretary, Lexington.

H. F. B.

LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana was convened in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on February 5, 1924, at twelve o'clock M. in Seventy-seventh Annual Grand Convocation.

The meeting was saddened by the announcement of the death of Past Grand High Priest A. C. ALLEN, and also his brother, Past Grand High Priest R. W. ALLEN, who just died.

M. E. Companion EDWIN F. GAYLE, Grand High Priest, visited many of the constituent Chapters and caused each occasion to be one for the conferring of the Capitular degrees and exemplification of the work.

He reported having increased the number of District Deputy Grand High Priests from eleven to fifteen. Joint District Convocations were held, and the

Grand High Priest called attention to the fact that "this field of endeavor is a subject that should be given the most careful consideration." We believe this is true, as such meetings tend to a healthy rivalry. It is most pleasing to learn that "there is no doubt that during the coming year every Chapter in the State, with few exceptions, will be able to put on the work for itself in a satisfactory manner."

Under "State of the Order" he says:

"The degrees, as now exemplified, carry to the heart and to the conscience a message of patriotism, love of country and pride of race. The elimination of the 'rough stuff' now enables the candidate and the Companions to appreciate the great fundamental, social and historical principles underlying the exclamation, 'As long as they were faithful to God they prospered, but when the Children of Israel forgot and forsook their God national ruin came upon them.' The candidate can now trace the history of nations of the world and read the lesson of human progress in these lines. As nations of the past and races of the past have arisen, prospered and become great and mighty, and then crumbled into decay and disintegration, when its people transgress social, moral and economic law, thus we Royal Arch Masons of today realize that the august degree carries the vital lesson that in the case of our own dear country, so long as our American people are faithful to the God of their fathers, and retain a pride of race, a love of country, a reverence for our Constitution and laws, and institutions, this American country and American people will flourish and grow stronger, but when our people develop social vices, when they forget the history of the origin and development of the nation, and the basis upon which it is instituted or founded, when they lose the qualities of patriotism, love of country and pride of race, then our country will begin to deteriorate and disintegrate."

The General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, honored the Convocation with his presence.

M. E. Companion Samuel J. Helm, Grand High Priest of Texas, was also present.

Two Chapters were constituted and four instituted.

The Grand High Priest was constantly on his job, as is attested in the report of the Grand Secretary, when he stated:

"Besides making a round of visitations, he has never hesitated, even at a personal sacrifice, to go to any part of the State at any time when he felt that his personal service might be of value."

The Grand Lecturer, H. F. GRIMM, visited twenty-nine Chapters and reported "about 75 per cent. of our Chapters in a reasonably active condition."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition be extended to the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and an interchange of Representatives be authorized. On motion this was agreed to.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence also referred to the splendid accomplishments of the Grand High Priest and reported concerning this:

"The energy displayed and the active effort made has certainly never been excelled, and probably never equaled, in this State."

The General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, in addressing Grand Chapter, mentioned that "this is the thirty-fifth Grand Chapter that I visited." He stated:

"Royal Arch Masonry has not come into its own. The great thing that has been holding Royal Arch Masonry down is tomfoolery. When

the Shrine was organized we thought all of that stuff was going into the Shrine, where it belongs. But there are lots of light-headed fellows in Royal Arch Masonry that want to keep it in Royal Arch Masonry.''

After complimenting the Grand Chapter on its accomplishments, he delivered his usual address of wisdom, dwelling particularly on self-control and Capitular Masonic truths.

The Grand Representatives were welcomed, including Companion Jos. Dawidoff, Pennsylvania's Representative.

The Grand Council and the Grand Secretary were authorized to attend the Thirty-ninth Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at the expense of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters reported recommending the granting of four new charters, which report was duly adopted.

M. E. Companion L. E. Thomas, Past Grand High Priest, offered a resolution appropriating $5000 for the Masonic Orphans' Home to be located at Alexandria, which resolution was adopted unanimously.

E. Companion H. Aubrey Swasey moved that the sum of one thousand dollars be set aside as a nucleus for an endowment fund for the benefit of the Orphans' Home until said fund shall have accumulated $50,000, and that the attention of the Chapters of the State shall be directed to the necessity of sub-

scribing thereto. This was laid over until the next Grand Convocation.

The Proceedings contain a fine picture of the present Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion DAVID ETTINGER. It also contains the annual returns of constituent Chapters, in which are included the names of all members; the Committees of the Grand Chapter, the list of District Deputy Grand High Priests and the Chapters under their care; statistical tables, lists of Grand Secretaries, Representatives, permanent members; lists of Past High Priests; historical tables of Chapters; memorial pages, and the report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion JOHN A. DAVILLA, Chairman of the Committee and who is also Grand Secretary. He reviewed fifty-five Grand Chapters' proceedings, including Pennsylvania's 1922. He was cognizant of Louisiana's Representative being faithful in his attendance at our meetings. Our lamented Past Grand High Priest, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, was faithful to every duty and a worthy successor will be hard to find.

DAVID ETTINGER, Grand High Priest, New Orleans.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

H. F. B.

MAINE.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, at Portland, on Tuesday evening, May 6, A. D. 1924, at seven o'clock, R. E. David L. Wilson, Grand High Priest, presiding.

All Grand Officers were present, also one hundred and thirteen Representatives of sixty of the sixty-five chartered Chapters; thirteen of the sixteen living Past Grand High Priests; nineteen of the twenty-two other permanent members, including fifty of the fifty-six Representatives of other Grand Chapters, among whom was M. E. Companion Franklin R. Redlon, Past Grand High Priest and Representative for Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion Curtis Chipman and associated Officers of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts visited the Grand Chapter of Maine.

M. E. Companion Frederick L. Dutcher, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, was also present.

M. E. Companion David L. Wilson, Grand High Priest, in his address reported: "The general condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the State is very gratifying."

The messenger of death indeed was busy in Maine during the past year, calling an unusually large number of distinguished Companions, among them being that "steadfast and devoted servant of the cause of Masonry," M. E. Companion Past Grand High Priest Frank Eugene Sleeper; that jovial and devoted M. E. Companion Edwin A. Porter, Past Grand High Priest; that "good and true" Mason, R. E. Companion Edmund B. Mallet; that faithful servant, R. E. Companion James E. Parsons, and that skilled Craftsman, E. Companion William H. Tanner.

The Grand High Priest reported on ten visitations to subordinate Chapters, and ten meetings of subordinate Chapters on account of some special event, also to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, on December 10 to 13, 1923.

Dispensations are granted in this Jurisdiction to hold meetings at other than the regular meeting places of the subordinate Chapters, but requests to ballot on candidates in less than the usual time are refused.

The Grand High Priest protested against the issuing of a trade-mark to be styled "Royal Arch Shoe," as applied for by Byon F. Reynolds Shoe Company, of Brockton, Massachusetts.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests and other inspecting officers reflected well-

presented work, and, what is possibly next best as reported in one visitation, the Companions present "remained in the Chapter until it closed, refrained from whispering and were interested and attentive listeners."

The report of the Committee on Grand Chapters was accepted, and it was unanimously voted to extend recognition to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Manitoba, and also to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Saskatchewan, and that an exchange of Grand Representatives with each be requested.

Companion SAMUEL B. FURBISH, for the Committee on Memorials, presented the report dealing with the distinguished deceased Companions above mentioned.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters recommended the granting of dispensations for two new Chapters, which recommendation was adopted.

The Grand High Priest was authorized to call not exceeding three schools of instruction during the year, if he "deems it necessary."

The business of the Convocation was speedily done in a depressing atmosphere, occasioned by the absence of the many active Companions who during the past year were called to their reward.

The Proceedings of 1924 are again replete with the minutes of the Order of High Priesthood; the ab-

stract of proceedings of the Trustees of the Charity Fund; amendments to the Constitution adopted since the revision of 1896; amendments to standing Regulations; the list of the Officers of the Grand Chapter; the list of Royal Arch Chapters subordinate to the Grand Chapter of Maine, with their principal Officers; towns in Maine with Chapters, and much other Capitular information, primarily of local interest.

The picture of M. E. Companion David Logan Wilson graces the proceedings as a frontispiece, and the report on Correspondence by M. E. Companion Thomas H. Bodge completes a volume filled with valuable Capitular information.

M. E. Companion David Logan Wilson, Grand High Priest, Bath.

R. E. Companion Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Portland.

H. F. B.

MANITOBA.

A Convention of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winnipeg, on the thirtieth day of March, 1923, at eight P. M. for the purpose of organizing and constituting a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Manitoba.

R. E. Companion A. H. McLeod, Grand Superintendent of District No. 15 of the Grand Chapter of Canada, acted as Chairman, and R. E. Companion H. F. Moulden was appointed temporary Secretary.

A motion was unanimously carried that Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba be now formed.

The Royal Arch Masons present then registered. The registration showed sixty-two votes present, representing eight subordinate Chapters and one under dispensation.

The meeting adopted the procedure of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and proceeded to the nomination and election of officers.

The Province was divided into three Districts and Superintendents were appointed thereto.

Winnipeg was the unanimous choice as the next place of Convocation, and the time during the first week of February.

R. E. Companion W. G. Scott, the oldest Royal Arch Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction, was elected Immediate Past Grand Principal.

The Convention adjourned until April 18, 1923, at eight P. M., when the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba is to be constituted, officers in-

stalled and general business transacted. At 8.15 of that date business was resumed.

R. E. Companion F. D. Cameron, Past High Priest of Corinthian Chapter, No. 3, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, as Special Representative with the rank of Grand High Priest, appointed and commissioned as such by M. E. Companion W. L. Stockwell, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, acted as Installing Officer.

M. E. Companion W. D. Lawrence, the first Grand Z, addressed the Companions.

New warrants were authorized for two Chapters, and all eleven subordinate Chapters were renumbered.

The Grand Scribe E was authorized to issue new warrants of this Grand Chapter to all subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction now holding authority from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Grand First Principal announced his appointments.

First Annual.

The First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held in Masonic Temple, in the City of Winnipeg, on February 6, A. D. 1924. All Grand Officers were in attendance.

M. E. Companion J. Turner, Past Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion F. D. Cameron, Grand Master of the Second Vail of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, were introduced and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" sung.

M. E. Companion William D. Lawrence, as Grand Z, addressed Grand Chapter, expressing his appreciation for courtesies received, mentioned the death of one member of the Grand Chapter during its first year of existence. He recommended the appointment of a ritual committee. He visited all but one of the subordinate Chapters, finding all active and prosperous. He, accompanied by the Grand Scribe E, visited the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. He closes his address with a most beautiful preachment which I would be pleased to quote if those who need it most would read it.

All warranted Chapters were represented at this Convocation with sixty-four delegates registered.

R. E. Companion John Parton, Grand Superintendent District No. 1, presented a very full report, and we are glad to learn that "it is expressly provided that each candidate must pass an examination before proceeding, and it is very desirable that they should learn the work of the Holy Royal Arch after exaltation." This is what many of us preach, but which most do not practice, and consequently is not a general requirement.

The reports of the other Superintendents were exhaustive presentations of the labors, findings and accomplishments in this new Grand Jurisdiction.

R. E. Companion J. MALCOLM SUTTIE, as Chairman of the Committee on State of Capitular Masonry, presented an interesting report and sounds this warning:

"Only let us be careful of the character of the man we admit to our Royal Craft and not lend ourselves and our Chapters as stepping stones to build up Orders that are outside the Masonic Craft."

R. E. Companion H. F. MOULDEN, Grand Scribe E, presented a very complete report, including the results of correspondence with sixty-three Grand Chapters regarding recognition and exchange of Representatives. Nineteen Grand Jurisdictions had, at the time of the first annual meeting, exchanged Representatives and extended formal recognition.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Constitution and Laws contained a resolution that the Grand Chapter dues be increased from fifty cents to one dollar, which, on motion, was adopted.

R. E. Companion JOHN PARTON, Grand Superintendent District No. 1, is also the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and already has sensed that as such Committee he has a real job, even though he reviewed the proceedings of but nine Grand Chapters during his first year.

Under Wyoming he says:

"It seems to us that the really interesting, the really 'brotherly,' the really 'up and doing' is found in the smaller bodies."

And again:

"These newer and smaller bodies seem to contribute freshness, a youthfulness and a new vitality."

We believe this to be generally true, and the writer was strongly impressed with the "new vitality" manifested throughout the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. We are willing to be infected by Manitoba, but then again, we trust at no distant date we may also infect some of our Companions of Manitoba with some Capitular Pennsylvania disease when they may find it convenient to visit us. We have greeted with pleasure and profit to ourselves sterling Companions from above the northern geographical boundary of the United States, and would be glad to receive visitations from this baby Jurisdiction.

The proceedings are most comprehensive, delightfully interesting, and predicate a successful and honored Grand Chapter existence.

Pictures of the first Grand Z and the first Grand Scribe E grace the volume.

M. E. Companion F. L. NEWMAN, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion H. F. MOULDEN, Grand Scribe E.

H. F. B.

MARYLAND.

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on Thursday, November 22, 1923, and was opened in *Due Form.*

M. E. Companion WILLIAM MOHR, Grand High Priest, was kept away by illness and R. E. Companion CHARLES H. CARROLL, Deputy Grand High Priest, presided.

The report of the Grand High Priest was read by the presiding officer. It was terse, and it concisely detailed the activities of a difficult year. It is better to read it in his own words:

"Having early in the year accepted a responsible position with our municipal Government, which required my entire time during the day and very often until late at night, my visitations have been limited to the Chapters of Baltimore City.

"Although the term just drawing to a close has been only an average year, the reports of the Grand Lecturer and of the Grand Inspectors, and the returns to the Grand Secretary, show that our subordinate Chapters are all in a good, healthy condition. There were 566 exaltations, a net increase of 382, and we have at this date a membership of 9094 Royal Arch Masons."

Dispensations were issued for a new Chapter at Pocomoke City, under the name of Doric; one for a new Chapter at Govans, under the name of Tuscan; and another for a new Chapter at Aberdeen, under the name of Harford.

His special dispensations are few, but one calls attention to a regrettable situation in a subordinate Chapter. It was granted to hold a special convocation for the purpose of holding the election for officers, owing to "no quorum" present at their regular stated meeting, when no business could be transacted. This would indicate a very limited choice for the selection of new officers. A dispensation was declined to permit the reception of a petition of a Brother who had two artificial feet.

He approved amendments to the By-laws of a Chapter increasing the dues of the Chapter and increasing the compensation of the Secretary. It would be a blessing if every Chapter would follow this action. Dues are oft-times so low that the Chapters are beggarly handicapped. Make the compensation for the Secretary so that efficiency in this important station may be had throughout our Jurisdictions.

The Board of Grand Inspectors recommended the re-establishment of the Grand Chapter School of Instruction. This will be helpful when put in operation. Eternal vigilance and hard work are necessary for uniformity in work that tends toward perfection.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is under the name of the Committee on Correspondence, of which Rev. Dr. Henry Branch is the Chairman, and so we cannot tell who wrote the review for Penn-

sylvania. It is a splendid report, and is packed full of our doings. Concise sentences cover the notable happenings of our Capitular year. It is a delight to read the reviews in this report, as an entire library of the Royal Craft is presented. Whoever wrote it is a master, and we like it.

Membership, 9094, a gain of 382.

M. E. Companion CHARLES H. CARROLL, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion GUSTAV A. EITEL, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, March 13, 1923, it being the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter.

Many distinguished guests were present and M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest, welcomed the Grand Companions from Pennsylvania as follows:

"M. E. Companion DARROW, M. E. Companion MCCONNELL and M. E. Companion QUINBY, you are no strangers in Massachusetts. We like to think of you as our own. To prove this, it did not occur to us to have our One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary without having our Companions from Pennsylvania to shed a glow upon our doings. I feel that

the welcome of the Companions on your entrance should assure you, without any word of mine, how warm a place you hold in their hearts, how highly they respect and admire you, and how gratified they feel to see you in their midst.''

M. E. Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Grand King, responded:

''Anniversaries are interesting. We in Pennsylvania perhaps claim certain distinctions. One of them is that we had the first Blue Lodge and the first Grand Lodge constituted on the American continent, as well as the first subordinate Chapter and the first Grand Chapter. We celebrated our One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary three years ago. And yet Boston and Massachusetts have many distinctions. I don't know whether Boston is divided, like ancient Gaul, into three parts or not, but it is famed and known for many things.''

The historical address was delivered by Rev. Dr. R. PERRY BUSH, Grand Chaplain. It was well received, and we regret that space in this review does not permit of quotations.

At the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter held June 12, 1923, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest, was introduced and made an address that is printed in full in the proceedings. It is an address that should be read and studied by Blue Lodge and Capitular Masons everywhere. We thank Grand Secretary COMEE for giving it to us complete.

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, December 11, 1923.

The opening, work, lectures and closing of the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees were exemplified at the morning session, and the Royal Arch Degree at the afternoon session. The time consumed was: Mark, 1 hour and 24 minutes; Past, 29 minutes; Most Excellent, 1 hour and 2 minutes; Royal Arch, 1 hour and 52 minutes.

Among the distinguished guests were M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Massachusetts continues to have trouble over territorial jurisdiction among the subordinate Chapters.

The annual address of M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN is full of much labor. With visits multiplied to subordinate Chapters, Convocations, journeys to sister Jurisdictions, and to many days given to desk work, the year was crowded with duties. Massachusetts is fortunate in its selection of such a leader.

He speaks of the year:

"The harmony prevailing among our Chapters and the loyal support of all good undertakings for the advancement of our Order is a source of gratification to us all, and we may well render thanks to the Supreme High Priest for all the blessings of harmony and contentment with which we have been so generously endowed."

He makes record of his visit to Pennsylvania:

"The Representatives of Massachusetts were most cordially welcomed, and no effort was spared to render their visit enjoyable."

Uniformity of work and its exactness has been the special desire of the Grand High Priest, and his system of visitation, for himself, the District Deputies, and Grand Lecturer, has brought it near to perfection.

A dispensation was granted to form Leominster Chapter, at Leominster.

Roslindale Royal Arch Chapter was constituted at Roslindale.

Another splendid Capitular Review comes from the pen of M. E. Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary. Pennsylvania is given three pages of their valued space. He agrees with the ruling of our Grand High Priest in that a visiting Companion from a Jurisdiction where the Most Excellent Master Degree is not given may be admitted to a Pennsylvania Chapter when the Companions are satisfied that the visitor is a Royal Arch Mason, although he is surprised that the ruling has not been made before. The delay is simply a matter of waiting to come to a bridge before a crossing is made. His very kindly and fraternal review is appreciated.

Membership, 39,186, a gain of 1519.

M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MICHIGAN.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was opened in *Ample Form* in Masonic Temple, in the City of Lansing, on Wednesday morning, May 21, 1924, at ten o'clock, by M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. VAN IDERSTINE, Grand High Priest.

A goodly group of distinguished guests were present, and the Grand Chapter membership in attendance was reported as follows: 159 Chapters represented, 8 not represented; 15 Grand Officers; 15 Past Grand Officers; 6 Committeemen not Officers; 192 Representatives; 49 Past High Priests, not Representatives; a total of 277.

The report of M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. VAN IDERSTINE, Grand High Priest, is a very good one, and shows a year of work in consolidating the rapid expansion of the past few years. Michigan emphasizes quality.

New Chapters were constituted at River Rouge and at Strathcona. A dispensation was issued for a new Chapter to be known as Redford Chapter. The Grand High Priest approved the consolidation of Springport Chapter, No. 144, with Eaton Rapids Chapter, No. 24, under the latter name and charter.

Under decisions we note the answer "yes" to the question, "Can we receive the petition of a Brother who has but one leg?"

He appreciates the work of the Grand Secretary in these words:

> "I thank the Grand Secretary for his able assistance. Without a good Grand Secretary the life of a Grand High Priest would not be worth living."

This is true in all Jurisdictions, and should be true in every subordinate Chapter. A good Secretary is indispensable.

The report of E. Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Secretary, who also is the efficient General Grand Secretary, covers more pages and is more in detail than are all the other reports combined. He mentions "The first five Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania." We signify them as our Elective Grand Officers. All the others are made by appointment.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, GEORGE W. LEEDLE, Past Grand High Priest, calls attention to a

situation that saddens the earnest toilers in many Jurisdictions:

"There are a few Chapters of this State who have officers who do not learn the work, and none of the Companions of the Chapter show enough interest to accept an office and learn the work, but depend on some other Chapter to come in and do the work for them, so that when the returns come in they are credited with doing a certain amount of work, when, as a matter of fact, they have done scarcely anything."

In Pennsylvania the throne Officers must qualify in the work before they are installed.

We note the presence of Companion SAMUEL E. BALLANTINE, the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

While we regret that Michigan does not publish a review of the Grand Chapters of the various States, and it would be a good one under the direction of their gifted Grand Secretary, yet we appreciate the pages from his pen entitled "A History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree." In this he quotes from the "History of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania" as prepared by M. E. Companion SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Past Grand High Priest, as follows:

"Some years ago it was my pleasure to visit the Grand Chapter of England, at one of its quarterly communications. Their work, as it was then presented to me, differed somewhat from the work of Pennsylvania; but when I mentioned the differences, they acknowledged that ours was the ancient work which had formerly been practiced until an advance, if it may be so called, had been made, and in the course of time changes had been introduced; but they admitted that our work, as I was pleased to exemplify it to them in all the details, was the ancient work as it had

been formerly understood and practiced by the Craft in England. That work has been preserved by the care of this Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania unimproved upon, and without any modern innovations.''

Pennsylvania has pride in the authenticity of her Capitular work.

Membership, 44,554, a gain of 1994.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM EDWARD GOFF, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion CHARLES ARTHUR CONOVER, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MINNESOTA.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of St. Paul, Tuesday, October 9, 1923.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion LOUIS LAWRENCE, Grand High Priest. All the Grand Officers were present. In all, there were present 109 Companions, as follows: Thirteen Grand Officers, sixteen permanent members, and eighty Representatives.

The report of M. E. Companion LOUIS LAWRENCE, Grand High Priest, is an excellent one. It is admirably arranged, and is full of detailed information. He reports the constitution of Lakeview Chap-

ter, No. 92, at Duluth, and of Glenwood Chapter, No. 93, at Glenwood. The dispensation for Moose Lake Chapter was continued, and dispensations were granted for Border Chapter, at International Falls, and for Montevideo Chapter, at Montevideo.

The ever-occurring difficulties over subordinate Chapter jurisdiction keep active in Minnesota. The Grand High Priest gave these two decisions: 1. There is no waiver of jurisdiction in Minnesota; and, 2, the territory of a Chapter is half way in an air line to the next Chapter. Pennsylvania Capitular law is as follows: "Territorial jurisdiction over petitioners for degrees and membership is vested in Grand Chapter, and any duly qualified petitioner may petition any Chapter under the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter."

Minnesota is careful in granting dispensations, and so this one attracts attention. It was granted to a subordinate Chapter that its Officers might be elected out of time, because a quorum was not present at the set time for the annual election. This Chapter needs something more than a mere dispensation.

The report of M. E. Companion JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary, shows a year of conservative constructive work, with peace and good will throughout the Royal Craft. Minnesota is forming Capitular character of the right sort.

Companion CHARLES S. SCHURMAN writes the Report on Foreign Correspondence for the second time, and the work is so well done that it covers more pages than do the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. Pennsylvania is missing from the list, and we are sorry. Better luck next year.

Companion SCHURMAN divides the Masons of America into two classes in opinion, the radical and the conservative. In the absence of the Pennsylvania review, I assure him that we are of the conservative class, and in Masonic usages we spell the word with black-faced capital letters. We keep to the ancient landmarks of the Royal Craft.

Membership, 15,104, a gain of 454.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM J. WORKS, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi was held in the City of Vicksburg on the twenty-first of February, 1924.

The Grand Secretary having announced that there was a constitutional quorum present, M. E. Com-

panion J. RICE WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, opened the Grand Chapter in *Ample Form.*

Pennsylvania is favored greatly in having as its Grand Representative the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion J. RICE WILLIAMS.

The report of the Grand High Priest is a brief one, but it covers a year of earnest, painstaking work. The year seems to have been uneventful, and this tokens twelve months of quiet, conservative growth.

Read this from his address:

"Masonry is not a religion of dogmas; not a creed nor sect. It formulates no ritual of life, nor asserts any principle of civil government: it concerns itself with no forms which change and perish, but with the growth, expansion and development of the individual soul, believing that here lies the true source of health and strength in society, and here abides that breathing, quickening spirit that controls the life of man.

"Her high rewards lie, not in the material things of life, but in the enrichment of that inner self from which flows the strength to control passion, ennoble desires and shapes life's actions to the service of a Brother, and through him to all the children of men."

And this should be read by Masons everywhere.

A dispensation for a new Chapter was issued to Companions at Macon, and the Chapter will receive the name of Noxubee, after the name of the county.

Companion WILLIAM H. CARTER, Grand Lecturer, in his report, called attention to the indifference of Companions in a few of the Chapters. He recommends:

"On the day set, confer the degrees, even if you have to use the official summons to secure a working quorum. You do not have to make your elected candidates wait for months, lose their enthusiasm, and fail to appreciate the Chapter degrees."

It would go hard with such Chapters in Pennsylvania.

The Grand Lecturer cites vital reasons for such indifference and neglect:

"Our Brethren now apply for these degrees merely because they wish to 'advance' in Masonry, or because of a desire to become members of some Order to which membership in these Orders is pre-requisite, rather than because of a knowledge of what they are actually doing, or of what these Orders will do for them in increasing their knowledge of Masonry or their opportunity for service."

Companion GEORGE C. MYERS presents his usual most comprehensive Report on Foreign Correspondence. Pennsylvania is well reviewed. Quotations quite copious are made from our Grand High Priest's report, and special attention is called to our exact requirement for the recording of marks. Companion MYERS makes his report well worth reading, and we thank him for his good words in reference to Pennsylvania.

Membership, 7503, a gain of 364.

M. E. Companion CLYDE J. VAN ARSDALL, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MISSOURI.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held Tuesday, April 22, 1924, at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

M. E. Companion JOHN PICKARD, Grand High Priest, read a very fine report. In Missouri it seems to be in order to give plain talk and to speak out in meeting. These quotations are a sample:

"A few Chapters still occasionally suffer from mental aberration, and relapse into the undignified and unseemly practices and methods which characterized more barbarous ages in the past and still afflict less enlightened Jurisdictions in the present time. But in the main our Chapters and our members fully realize that Chapter degrees are filled with wise teaching, and meant to upbuild and to ennoble."

"Some Chapters still labor under the delusion that members and visitors should be continually bribed to attend Chapter Convocations by an ever-present supply of cigars, luncheons and banquets."

"One Chapter, with less than five hundred members, had an expense, including some small improvements, of $20 per capita of its membership."

Perhaps this has something to do toward bringing about the following:

"For years I have observed in some Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction a tendency to delegate the actual conferring of degrees to a small body of experts, some of whom are not even members of the Chapters concerned. Then when degree work is actually going on officers of the Chapter are sometimes seated on the side lines, sometimes they are in the anterooms, and sometimes they are not even present at the meeting.

"It seems to me that every officer of a Chapter should know the duties of two positions—the position he was chosen to occupy and the position next above him in the line.

"Many Masonic bodies of this and other Grand Jurisdictions have been ruined because a few men, often through no fault of theirs, have come into possession of the work, and the younger members have not been encouraged, compelled or even permitted to confer the degrees."

A detailed account is given of the Special Convocations that were held in honor of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, and of the commemoration of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the General Grand Chapter.

The splendid prosperity of the Chapters in Missouri is evidenced in the report that:

"The membership of this Grand Chapter has been doubled in the last five years and but three years have exceeded the past year in the number of exaltations."

Companion ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH was appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Missouri near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion DAVID M. WILSON, Past Grand High Priest, presented the Report of Foreign Correspondence. It is with misgivings that he takes up the new work. We in Pennsylvania will miss the Capitular reviews from the pen of the gifted DR. MILLER, but assure Companion WILSON that his report meets the high level of his predecessor's.

Pennsylvania is reviewed for the years 1922 and 1923, and so received more than the usual share of at-

tention. The report is very favorable, and is received with appreciation.

Membership, 35,086, a gain of 2638.

M. E. Companion WILLIS A. MCCULLAH, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion RAY V. DENSLOW, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEVADA.

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada convened in the Masonic Temple, at Reno, on Tuesday, June 10, 1924, and was opened in *Ample Form.*

We note the presence of Companion DAVID E. WILLIAMSON, Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The report of M. E. Companion WILLIAM B. S. PARK, Grand High Priest, gave the detail of an active year. Nevada, with its eight Chapters, has not burdened the Grand High Priest with a multitude of legal entanglements, or numerous incidents of individual laxness toward Masonic Law, to summon his displeasure; and so he preaches somewhat.

And it is good:

"Masonry is a school, and as we advance step by step through the several degrees, and find light, and even more light, we must not forget that with the greater knowledge we have and the privileges gained from this knowledge, also comes responsibility."

On the Public School he writes:

"Somewhere I read an excellent article on the Public Schools, in which the writer pictured the school as a business, a corporation, in which we are all stockholders. We pay our taxes toward the expense of the factory; and the foreman, the teachers, turn out the work, and, Companions, what a wonderful work they do. They mould the minds of our future citizens—your boy and girl, and mine. They make of them what they will. Is it not the most wonderful—the most stupendous enterprise in all the land—this building of the future generations? Are we, the stockholders in this corporation, doing the work individually that we should?"

As he speaks of the crime waves, the disregard of the law, the poor enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, he adds:

"Do not smile and turn in your seats and say: 'This is old stuff.' I know it is old stuff, but if the two million five hundred thousand Masons in these United States were sincere in the obligations they took at our altar—if they truly realize their responsibilities—there would be no necessity of this 'old stuff' talk, and oh, what a beautiful, what a wonderful land this of ours would be."

The report is good reading, and timely in its suggestions.

Uniformity of work has hard times in Nevada. Seven Chapters voted to retain the old work, and only one Chapter voted to use the new work, that of the General Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter decided to leave the use of the ritual, new or old, with the

respective Chapters. Which is sovereign in Nevada, the subordinate Chapter or the Grand Chapter?

R. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH presents the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. It is written with a scholar's care and in a poet's diction. There are presented no better reports than this comprehensive, accurate and charming work from Companion VANDERLIETH.

Membership, 640, a gain of eight.

M. E. Companion EDWARD BARBER, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons Hall, in the City of Concord, on Tuesday, May 20, 1924, and was opened by M. E. Companion ALBION E. HAYES, Grand High Priest, in *Ample Form.*

Twenty-four Chapters were represented, and a goodly company of distinguished guests were present from other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was not reported as among those present.

The Grand High Priest read a splendid report that covered a very busy year. The long list of memoirs was given in extended detail. The ever-bothersome question of uniformity in work was taken up again. The ritual of the General Grand Chapter was adopted in 1919, and after two years of use it did not meet with the approval of the Companions, as had been expected. During the past three years a committee has been at work with revisions to the old ritual, that it might be made acceptacle for general adoption. The uncertainty of the past five years seems to have come to an end in the adoption of the committee's report. Uniformity of work should be the first requirement of an able, efficient, and well-instructed Grand Chapter, for without it the Chapters are joined with a rope of sand and the Companions are bewildered in seeing different work in the subordinate Chapters. New Hampshire is to be congratulated in the determined effort to place in operation the adopted revised ritual.

In closing his report the Grand High Priest recommends three objects for active support: 1, the Masonic Home; 2, the Order of DeMolay; and 3, *The Masonic Bulletin.*

Companion CHARLES B. SPOFFORD presents his seventh annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. His introductory remarks on the Order of DeMolay meets the views as held in Pennsylvania. The re-

view of Pennsylvania is very liberal and kindly. It is a delight to have the pen pictures from Companion SPOFFORD, as he rough-sketches the activities throughout the Capitular Craft. He is a master in this work.

Membership, 5844, a gain of fifty-four.

M. E. Companion EUGENE PAGE HADLEY, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW JERSEY.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was convened at Trenton, New Jersey, Wednesday, May 14, 1923, and was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M.

All the Grand Officers were in their stations and places. Representatives from forty-eight of the fifty-six chartered Chapters were in attendance.

M. E. Companion ALBERT LEON, Past Grand High Priest, in presenting distinguished visitors, said:

"The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania sends us one whom we all love, M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest of that distinguished body, who is accompanied by an equally well-known friend, M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Past Grand High Priest and the present Grand Secretary."

M. E. Companion Frank C. Preiss, Grand High Priest, presented and read a very fine report. Seldom is a report that covers such a wide field of interests and activities condensed to such limits. Every word counts, and lines take the place of paragraphs. It is a great report.

New Chapters were constituted as follows: Corinthian Chapter, No. 57, at Westfield; Henry S. Haines Chapter, No. 58, at Dumont; North Hudson Chapter, No. 59, at West New York.

The many dispensations granted were largely for a removal of meeting places, and usually to new Masonic buildings. Material prosperity is evident in the Craft across the river. A dispensation was refused the request of a Chapter to elect and confer the Capitular degrees on a Brother who had lost his left arm above the elbow.

The official visits of the Grand High Priest were many and covered the entire Jurisdiction. His visits to sister Jurisdictions were frequent and of the journey to Pennsylvania he said:

"The visit was very interesting and an enjoyable one, and New Jersey is once more indebted to the Companions of Pennsylvania for the hospitality shown to the members of this Grand Chapter."

Much credit is given M. E. Companion Abram A. Reger, Grand Lecturer, in holding District Grand Chapters of Instruction in all the twelve Districts. Success was had with one exception, and the Grand

High Priest speaks words of wisdom in his admonition:

"The exception to this condition which I have just spoken of was the District Grand Chapter of Instruction of the ..... District, and I might say it was almost a failure. There are four Chapters in this District. Of these two did not have a single officer present. The other two Chapters did not have enough of their officers present to properly exemplify the work, and those who were present did not know their ritual.

"Companions, I care not what office you accept, whether it be First Vail in a Chapter or any other office, including that of Grand High Priest, you are morally bound to perform the duties of that office for the time which you have accepted it."

We all say "Amen" to this.

He cites the tendency toward extravagance among the Chapters, and says:

"I find that there are only five Chapters in this Jurisdiction that live within the income of their dues."

As to smoking in Chapter meetings, he writes:

"During the year I requested, through the District Deputies, that the Companions refrain from smoking during the conferring of the degrees. In many instances the Companions cheerfully acquiesced, but there are many who frowned upon this request.

"I am of the opinion that smoking should be prohibited during the conferring of degrees and recommend that it be enforced."

Why not issue an edict? The officers in conferring degrees will be in better voice and the candidates will *see* the work better, aside from the dignity that the degrees deserve.

New Jersey is the land of the one and only PETER MCGILL, that Most Excellent Companion and Grand Secretary. His modesty is proverbial, and yet the

many requests for decisions that are sent to him goaded his reticence to suggest that:

"To make decisions is the province of the Grand High Priest alone. If the Grand High Priest doesn't know the law—he has always his Council Officers and his corps of Past Grand High Priests to consult with, and if he fails in this way to gain the information desired, there is always the Grand Secretary to fall back on as a last resort. Your Grand Secretary freely admits his ability to furnish Grand High Priests with such information as they desire. In fact, he has been supplying this information when needed for some years back, and there is no question in his own mind of his ability to do so."

May he live long to lighten the load of a great host of Grand High Priests!

The Report on Correspondence is submitted by R. E. Companion JAMES E. HARDENBERGH, Grand Principal Sojourner. It is his second report, and a very good one. Pennsylvania is reviewed delightfully, and we thank him for his favorable words.

Membership, 18,153, a gain of 1454.

M. E. Companion FRED. E. TILDEN, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion PETER MCGILL, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW MEXICO.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico was held in the hall of Ratou Chapter, No. 6, Ratou, New Mexico, February 21, 1924, at ten o'clock A. M.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by Grand High Priest RICHARD H. HANNA, assisted by the other Grand Officers.

Seven Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Scribe, two Past Grand Treasurers and fifteen of the eighteen constituent Chapters were represented.

The address of Grand High Priest HANNA was a review and record of his activities during the year.

In speaking of the state of the Craft in New Mexico, he says that:

"Our State has undergone a period of great business depression during the past year, and our progress has not been all that we would desire, but we have gained rather than lost, and should feel encouraged and inspired to still greater effort to overcome our difficulties and place Capitular Masonry in the advance of Masonic progress in our Jurisdiction."

This sentiment leads us to observe that neither increase in numbers, nor size of bank balance is always to be taken as a correct index of Masonic progress. True Masonic progress consists in a deeper knowledge of the objects of the Fraternity and a wider application of their fundamental principles in the everyday experience of life's activities. We have no misgivings that this has been done by the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, and it should be a matter of genuine satisfaction to those who have directed its labors during the past year.

Seven visitations to constituent Chapters were made during the year, and two dispensations granted.

One new Chapter was recommended to be constituted.

The entire address was interesting reading and its record shows that Capitular Masonry is being well nurtured in the Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico.

At the afternoon session E. Companion Robert A. Steen, Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado, was introduced, and received the salutations of the Craft.

We note with pleasure the recommendations of the Finance Committee of $200 to the Educational Fund and the sum of $150 to the Masonic Tubercular Sanitorium.

These are beyond doubt two of the most worthy objects to which financial aid could be furnished.

John M. Bowman, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred Twenty-seventh Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 5, 1924, at ten o'clock A. M.

There were present, in addition to the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, representatives from 217 of the 223 constituent Chapters.

The following distinguished and prominent men in Masonic affairs were then formally received:

Most Illustrious WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York, Royal and Select Masons; R. E. Sir ALLEN J. HASTINGS, Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the State of New York; Illustrious JEROME L. CHENEY, Thirty-third Degree Active Deputy for the State of New York of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; M. E. RICHARD H. SPENCER, Grand First Principal, and R. E. HENRY T. SMITH, Grand Scribe E, of the Grand Chapter of Canada; M. E. FRANK C. PREISS, Grand High Priest of New Jersey, and his associates; M. E. ALBION E. HAYES, Grand High Priest of New Hampshire, and his associates; M. E. F. WARD DEKLYN, Grand High Priest of Connecticut, and his associates; M. E. NORRIS G. ABBOTT, Grand High Priest of Rhode Island, and his associates; M. E. CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, and his associates; M. E. JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, and his associates.

The Grand High Priest then presented his annual address upon the activities and problems of Capitu-

lar Masonry in the Jurisdiction of New York during his administration.

The task of properly reviewing so voluminous, detailed and masterful a report is beyond the ability of him to whom has been assigned that honor.

We, therefore, select a gem here and there only for our comment.

It is difficult to conceive the amount of labor and sacrifice involved in this statement:

"During the year it has been the opportunity and delight of the Grand High Priest to talk to the Companions in every Chapter in the Imperial Jurisdiction of the Empire State."

Only a man filled to the saturation point with zeal for the propagation and dissemination of the power and influence of Royal Arch Masonry in modern times could have carried such a burdensome task to a successful termination. And yet no labor of love is a burden, but on the contrary is a distinct joy and a satisfying pleasure. It is only through such self-sacrifice and devotion that constructive and permanent work can be accomplished.

Under "Assistant Grand Lecturers" he says:

"Two assistants made none of their visits. Oh! that Masons upon acceptance of these places of honor . . . would realize that they mean individual responsibility and personal obligation."

The contrast between activity and indifference, between zeal and apathy, is too marked to require

comment. The oversight of Masonic affairs should be given only to those who have a due appreciation of the honor it confers upon him to whom is entrusted its labors. During the year four new Chapters were constituted and a charter recommended for another.

The establishment of Capitular Schools of Instruction for the purpose of correctly teaching the ritual has the recommendation and endorsement of the Grand High Priest. Such schools are so essential in Pennsylvania, and receive such loyal support from the Companions, wherever they are held, that we feel they would be equally efficient in New York.

His allusion to the crowded condition of their room at the Annual Convocations, and his appeal for more commodious apartments, is an echo of like conditions existing in our own Grand bodies. With the present day rate of increase in membership in every Masonic body and the progressive erection of more subordinate bodies, the need for larger space for the annual gatherings becomes increasingly urgent each year.

Conferring all of the Chapter degrees upon the same class in one evening receives the deserving censure the practice merits.

"I have become thoroughly convinced," he says, "that this 'railroading' of candidates, this giving of

degrees in all kinds of abridged form, should be prevented, the sooner the better." How wisely he uses the phrase "giving of degrees"! Chapter officers sometimes forget that candidates for the Capitular grades are *always* men who have had previous Masonic degrees of a dignified and serious type conferred upon them, that left an indelible impression upon their minds. They are therefore not unskilled in Masonic ritual. If, then, when they present themselves to a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and are "given degrees" instead of "having degrees conferred upon them," any impression they may receive must be correspondingly indifferent, and the rich lessons of Capitular Masonry lose their force and influence.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership, December 27, 1923, of 67,526, a net gain of 3276. It is interesting to note two Chapters of over 2000 members, four Chapters of over 1000, and four Chapters having exalted more than 100 candidates during the year. We were struck with this sentence: "All of the Chapters have paid their fees and dues," which leads us to observe that the subordinate Chapters of New York must have an unusually efficient corps of Secretaries.

The session of the second day was taken up with the reports of the various Committees.

The appropriation of $5000 "for the relief of distressed tubercular Royal Arch Masons and their dependents" is a most commendable work.

Pennsylvania receives fraternal recognition in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Frederick L. Dutcher, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter convened in the City of Raleigh, N. C., Tuesday evening, May 13, 1924, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form,* with all the Grand Officers present.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests honored Grand Chapter by their presence.

Forty-two of the fifty-eight constituent Chapters were represented by their officers or by their proxies.

Past Grand High Priest George S. Norfleet introduced Companion O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, who responded very graciously to his introduction.

Twenty Representatives from sister Jurisdictions responded to roll call.

Grand High Priest Raymond C. Dunn then presented his annual address. Its careful perusal impresses us with the thought that on account of the protracted and severe illness of the Grand High Priest the Jurisdiction of North Carolina was denied a service of a real constructive type by one who had caught the spirit and purpose of Capitular Masonry. We rejoice with the Companions of North Carolina upon his convalescence and his return to his official post. We express to the Grand High Priest our earnest and sincere hope that his recovery of health may be complete, and that his services may long be spared to Royal Arch Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of North Carolina.

We are pleased to note the state of health and evidences of growth that he reports, and fully to endorse his sentiment that "it is not numbers, but quality, that counts." We are of opinion that Chapters of Royal Arch Masons should be teaching centers from which should go forth well-informed and skillful Craftsmen to enthuse and enlighten less informed Brethren in the history and purpose of the Royal Art and its practical application in life's intricate activities. He notes a condition of "apathy and indifference" in some Chapters to the extent of manifesting no activity, in other words, that they were in a state of deep slumber, for which the heroic treatment of threatening to take up their charter was introduced, with the result of a prompt awakening and a promise of loyalty to their obligations.

We are of opinion that such action is always justifiable and profitable, and that no man should be invested with Masonic preferment who feels no sense of the additional responsibility it carries.

Three dispensations were granted for reasons that seemed urgent, but that would have been unnecessary in Pennsylvania.

Twelve interstate courtesies were requested, and thirteen were granted.

Under "Decisions" we most heartily commend his attitude in standing firmly by the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of Grand Chapter, and in not assuming a power that Grand Chapter did not vest in a Grand High Priest.

His letter to the High Priest of one of the constituent Chapters with reference to a degree being "put on in the old manner" is the most incisive censure of the introduction of so-called "rough work" in any Masonic ceremony and the strongest appeal for a dignified rendition of the ritual we have ever read, and give to it our most hearty approval. Well does he say: "If the work as outlined in the Ritual is seriously followed . . . a great store of wealth and beauty will be found."

Joint Convocations seem to be as popular and as valuable in North Carolina as they have proven to be in Pennsylvania, even if we do call them by a

different name. He well says that there are "new ideas born, greater enthusiasm engendered, and renewed interest and activity inspired, and the cause of Capitular Masonry is much benefited."

His tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest REHM is most touching and beautiful, and has in it that note of deep sincerity that is only born of a high personal esteem of a Christian character and a true man. We note also the Texas incident that is now healed and has become history. We note further his commendation of York Rite reunions which appear to be popular and fruitful in some Jurisdictions, but as the reviewer sees them would be impracticable in Pennsylvania.

Under "Educational Activities" he says:

"Masonry has found its soul in the aid given to worthy boys and girls in the attainment of life's ambition to make of themselves useful men and women."

This sentiment finds a responsive chord in the hearts of Masons of every grade everywhere.

In "conclusion" he says:

"With the 10,000 Chapter Masons in North Carolina moving forward in one solid phalanx of interested activity, doing the right as God shall give them to see the right, spurning the wrong as God shall give them to despise the wrong, taking to heart the claims of the poor and the unfortunate and the uneducated little ones, and answering their appeals with unselfish service, Capitular Masonry in North Carolina will achieve those great results for which it was destined by the will of God."

We note the adoption of the following amendment to the By-laws:

"RESOLVED: That the laws of this Grand Chapter be amended as follows: 'No petition shall be received for the degrees, unless the petitioner shall file a certificate that he has been a Master Mason for six months; or shall file a certificate of proficiency in the work of the Symbolic Lodge.' "

The adoption of this resolution leads us to the conclusion that formerly no period of probation was necessary, nor any proficiency in the Royal Art required before being exalted to the Supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason in the Jurisdiction of North Carolina. We predict that with the enforcement of this resolution after January 1, 1925, Royal Arch Masonry will take on new life, and will be given a renewed impetus in North Carolina, and that no future Grand High Priest will be compelled to complain of "apathy and indifference," of "no representation in Grand Chapter for several years," of "showing no activity," of "not collecting dues," and other equally undesirable states of health for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The report of the Educational Committee shows that the Masonic Grand Bodies of North Carolina are awake to their opportunity, and are leading many other Jurisdictions in the magnificent work. Pennsylvania compliments you most generously upon your achievement.

The statistical report shows a membership of 8126, a net gain of 93 over last year.

The report of the Finance Committee shows a balance of $9671.55.

Pennsylvania is given three full pages in the Correspondence Report.

E. Rowley Hampton, Grand High Priest.

John B. Griggs, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota convened Tuesday, January 22, 1924, at Fargo, North Dakota, with all the Grand Officers present.

After the formal reception of M. E. Companion W. D. Lawrence, Grand First Principal Z, and R. E. Companion Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe E, of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form* promptly at ten o'clock A. M. The singing of the national airs of both Jurisdictions was a very pleasing feature of the ceremony.

Among the distinguished Companions present were E. Companion Ralph L. Miller, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Dakota; Frank C. Falkenstein, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of

North Dakota, and ALLAN V. HAIG, Right Excellent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota, who were each received with the Grand Honors of Masonry. This ceremony was followed by the address of Grand High Priest WALTER L. STOCKWELL, whose topic of "What of the Hour?" was a stirring appeal for more of the spirit of brotherhood and love among men today. He pleads for "more friendship and fellowship, which are the fundamental needs of society." "We are living," he says, "in the last part of the first quarter of the Twentieth Century, and unless we bring our Masonic methods and ideals in keeping with these modern days, we fail—and we must not fail." With this sentiment we must differ if we have caught the thought he desires to convey. As we view Masonic ideals and principles, they are fundamental and unchangeable, steadfast and permanent, and need to be applied more liberally in our mutual relationship in these modern days, but not to bring them "in keeping" with modern day ideals.

No decisions upon questions of Masonic usages and law were required during the year, and only a few dispensations were requested, all of which were granted. We notice his discussion of Chapter dues and his opinion that "the annual dues of any Chapter ought always to be sufficient to care for the maintenance of the Chapter and the payment of Grand Chapter dues."

His investigation revealed a state of affairs similar to that found in Pennsylvania only a few years ago, when the same lack of uniformity and "cheapness" prevailed. That which costs us little or nothing either in effort or in money we value in like manner. We heartily endorse the opinion that "we believe that $4 a year is little enough for any Chapter to charge for annual dues."

One new Chapter was constituted during the year. We notice also his approval of what is called a York (American) Rite Festival and its successful result. May be good procedure in other Jurisdictions but could not be done in Pennsylvania.

The Educational programme that has become an outstanding feature in Masonic activities in many Jurisdictions seems to be functioning in an efficient way in North Dakota. The report of loans to the amount of $1875 during the year to needy, worthy boys and girls is a work that reflects genuine credit upon the large heart and willing hand of the Companions of North Dakota. May greater success and blessing attend your effort in the good work.

Not less interesting and constructive is the effort being made for the benefit of "under privileged" children through the Children's Code Commission.

His detailed report of visitations made to every subordinate Chapter was interesting reading, and must have been productive of great uplift to Royal Arch Masonry wherever he went. Nothing so much

helps to awaken latent talent as a visit from a Grand Officer of the type of personality of Grand High Priest STOCKWELL.

M. E. Companion E. GEORGE GUTHRIE, in his report as Fraternal Correspondent, had some things to say that must have made those who heard them "sit up and take notice."

We approve his sentiment that progression through the appointive officers and exaltation to the highest honors should come through merit, and not because of favors bestowed by a former presiding officer for personal reasons, and that there is a distinction between personal reward and a Grand Honor. His suggestion of instruction to candidates in the ritual of the several Capitular degrees and an examination to prove their fitness to proceed before being advanced to a higher grade must meet with the approbation of every earnest and sincere Royal Arch Mason.

Pennsylvania for 1923 received fraternal notice in the report, for which we extend our gratitude.

The Grand Secretary reports membership of 4158, a net gain of sixty-nine over the preceding report.

M. E. Companion JOHN A. GRAHAM, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Tuesday, June 10, 1924, A. I. 2454.

After the Grand Captain of the Host had completed the organization, Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, JOHN WILLIAM LOGAN.

R. E. Companion W. H. SMITH, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Acting Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, was announced and received with the Grand Honors and invited to a seat in the Grand East. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JOHN W. LOGAN, then delivered his annual address. In it he submitted for the consideration of the Grand Chapter a record of his activities for the year just ending.

Twelve dispensations were granted for cause.

It was unnecessary for him to render any decisions during the year, which indicated that the officers of their subordinate Chapters find solutions to every question that may arise by consulting the Constitution.

He was able to visit every Chapter save one in the Jurisdiction during the year.

He notices with regret a small decrease in membership during the year, owing in part to causes over which no one had any control.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a net membership of 2711, a decrease over the preceding year of forty. This loss is in part to be explained in the loss of thirty-seven by death and 117 suspensions. The toll of the "Grim Reaper" cannot be stayed, but 4 per cent. of suspensions due to indifference, apathy, carelessness or any other like cause should make us pause to think and reflect. It has always been the opinion of the reviewer that we "made" them too rapidly during the war period. May it not be possible that many of these suspensions are of those to whom at the time they were exalted the ceremony meant no more than "one more Lodge in which to hold membership" as we have reason to know in our own experience many of them thought.

We were intensely interested in the report of the Grand Archivist. To know that Royal Arch Masonry was practiced and its degrees conferred in Nova Scotia as early as 1760, or perhaps 1757, is a historical fact of deep interest. We shall read the proceedings of Nova Scotia with renewed interest in the future, and more especially the report of the Grand Archivist. We shall preserve for future ref-Degrees" and also the historical sketch upon the life erence "The Origin and History of the Capitular of Companion Joseph Brown Conway.

Pennsylvania is given two full pages in the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Companion Pius J. S. Otto, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OKLAHOMA.

The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Royal Arch Masons, assembled in the Convention Hall, at Ada, Oklahoma, at ten o'clock A. M., April 16, 1924, in its Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation.

M. E. James A. Scott, Grand Secretary, announced that a sufficient number of Chapters were represented to constitute a quorum, whereupon Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by Grand High Priest Edward Payson Gallup, with all the Grand Officers present.

Companion Miles C. Grigsby welcomed Grand Chapter to Ada in a felicitous manner.

The response of Companion Charles E. Creager was equally generous in spirit.

Thirty-four Representatives of sister Jurisdictions then assembled about the Altar, and were received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The introduction of Father MORROW, and his simple and splendid response, must have been a pleasing incident to witness. It would have been a treat to hear him say: "I felt about fifteen feet high." His remarks are valuable Masonic history, and should be preserved in the archives for future reference.

The address of M. E. Grand High Priest GALLUP is an interesting statement of the condition of health of Royal Arch Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, as seen by the Grand High Priest.

He says:

"The majority of our Chapters are showing a steady growth. Our increase is not as much as last year, due to the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues."

This is a commendable procedure. Men who do not have enough interest in their Chapter to pay the small yearly fee for dues required of them have no claim upon, nor are they entitled to, any of the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

The names of twelve Companions as Grand Representatives were recommended to fill vacancies that had been created.

Four new Chapters were constituted during the year.

Three dispensations were granted for holding elections and installation of officers on dates other than

provided by law. The reasons for so doing were "no quorum" in one instance. In another "failed to meet on election night." Perhaps it is because we are unfamiliar with Oklahoma Masonic law, but this seems a strange procedure to the reviewer.

Under "Decisions" nothing was requested that could not have been answered by referring to the Statutes.

Grand visitations were made to twenty-two Chapters during the year.

Report of the Grand Treasurer shows combined resources of $32,476.91.

The Educational Committee reports that they have made loans aggregating $10,900, and that the total expense for carrying on this work has been only $103.65 for three years. Someone in Oklahoma evidently works for the work's sake and not for financial remuneration.

Pennsylvania receives generous space in the Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

THOMAS J. WELLS, Grand High Priest.

JAMES A. SCOTT, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OREGON.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon was held in Masonic Hall, City of Albany, Monday, April 14, 1924.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 10.30 o'clock A. M. by Grand High Priest GEORGE G. BROWN, with all the Grand Officers present.

Forty-two of the fifty subordinate Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was the submission of a report of his activities during the year, without comment or suggestion.

Four new Chapters were constituted during the year, and two instituted under dispensation.

Six dispensations were granted for holding special elections.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $3935.46 in addition to $25,250 securities held.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a net membership of 6908, a gain of 230 for the year.

The reports indicate that the Grand Chapter of Oregon is on a sound financial basis, and that numerically it is making healthy progress.

In the Correspondence Report Pennsylvania receives fraternal notice. An error—perhaps of the printer—needs correction: It says: "JOHN M. GORE, Grand High Priest." It should read "JOHN M. CORE."

Aside from the usual routine reports of the various committees, the address of the Grand Orator, E. Companion PERCY R. KELLY, was easily the outstanding feature of the meeting. We have for it the warmest commendation. While we differ with him in some of the deductions he makes of lessons to be drawn from the ritual, he has given us a different vision and some new ideas to ponder over. As a whole the address was one of those rare examples of stepping aside from the worn and beaten path that others blindly or unthinkingly follow and doing some thinking for himself, and arriving at his own conclusions. For this we congratulate the good Companion, and hope to hear more from him in the future.

H. J. B.

QUEBEC.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec assembled in Forty-seventh Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montreal, at three o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of March, 1924.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion HENRY WILLIS, Grand First Principal. Twenty of the twenty-two constituent Chapters were represented.

M. E. Companion HENRY WILLIS, in his address, says "the year about to close has been more than ordinarily eventful." And as we have reviewed the doings of the year, as recorded in the published proceedings, we are persuaded that Royal Arch Masonry is a real live force in the Grand Jurisdiction of Quebec, even if its numbers are small. Three new Chapters were constituted during the year.

The reports of the Superintendents of the several Districts have been read with deep interest, and we especially note the warm commendations for the excellence with which the ritual has been rendered by the various officers in charge.

By the report of the Grand Secretary we find a net membership of 3196, being an increase of 225 over the preceding year.

A balance of $3347.99 is shown in the report of the Grand Treasurer.

A 7 per cent. increase in membership, a healthy increase in financial resources, and the increasing interest manifested in Capitular Masonry as reflected in the several reports, confirm our conclusion that Royal Arch Masonry in Quebec is not only wisely administered, but that its precepts and lessons are

sinking deep into the lives of those who enjoy its privileges. We, however, do not quite understand the report of the Grand Lecturer upon the ceremony performed in District meeting at Sherbrooke, in November last. He says in his report: "The District Chapter being duly opened, No. 15 proceeded to confer the 'Mark.'" Then he goes on to say: "No. 16 followed the Richmond Companions and conferred the P. M." Now comes my confusion: *"When I found they were using a form of ritual quite different from that authorized by our Jurisdiction,"* and then further says: "BUT BEING FAMILIAR WITH IT, I AM ABLE TO REPORT THAT THE EXEMPLIFICATION WAS VERY CORRECT," etc. We have always looked upon the P. M. degree from our viewpoint with many misgivings, and reading this report more deeply confounds our confusion. We should be grateful for "more light" on the proceeding, for we are convinced that no violence was done to any Masonic usage or landmark.

At the evening session of Grand Chapter M. E. Companion WALTER H. DAVIS, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with his associates, and M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, were both officially welcomed and received with the dignity becoming their titles.

We note in the report of the "Special Committee on Ritual" that the elimination of the P. M. degree was recommended. If this degree means no

more in Quebec than it does in Pennsylvania, Ancient Craft Masonry will profit by its elimination, in the opinion of the reviewer.

In the Report of Foreign Correspondence Pennsylvania receives more than three full pages of their valuable space. We thank the editor for his courteous and kindly reference to the "write up" given Quebec last year and assure him it was sincerely expressed. Again we allude to the attractiveness of the volume of the published report upon the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

M. E. Companion W. M. Couper, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

RHODE ISLAND.

The One Hundred Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island was held in Freemason's Hall, Providence, Rhode Island, at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, March 13, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by Most Excellent Howard K. De Wolf, Grand High Priest, with all the elective and appointed Grand Officers present.

The Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of the following distinguished visitors: M. E. Companion Josiah H. Davidson, Grand High Priest of New Jersey; M. E. Companion Arthur N. Nash, Grand High Priest of Connecticut, accompanied by M. E. Companion Edgar B. Ellis, Past Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion William Bowers, Grand Scribe; M. E. Companion George E. Briggs, Grand High Priest of New York, accompanied by R. E. Companion Charles Hammel, Grand Captain of the Host; R. E. Companion Charles E. Cook, Deputy Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, accompanied by R. E. Companion Fred A. Young, Grand King; M. E. Companion George P. Darrow, Grand King of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, accompanied by M. E. Companion Thomas McConnell, Jr., Grand Treasurer, and M. E. Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Past Grand High Priest.

After the reception of these distinguished visitors M. E. Grand High Priest Howard K. De Wolf presented his address, which was a report of his activities during the year, together with observations and comments upon the condition of Royal Arch Masonry within the Grand Jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

In the course of his address he asks: "What is the object of our Fraternity"? This is a very searching question, and one that demands a concrete an-

swer in these intensely practical and utilitarian times.

He answers it by quoting the words of the immortal Washington, who said that:

"to enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the fraternity . . . may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

"For one hundred and twenty-five years this has been," he says, "the chief object of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island."

Two dispensations were granted for change of date of stated Convocations, and two were refused for what was surely just cause.

Three waivers of jurisdiction were granted, one was refused and two undecided.

Every Chapter in the Jurisdiction was visited by the Grand High Priest during the year, and all of them were "found in splendid shape." Of course they were—they knew he was coming!

The educational programme that is receiving such emphasis everywhere among Freemasons of every grade has the approval of the Grand High Priest, and he further suggests a most worthy object in "the establishment of a free bed in one of our hospitals." Such action will assist in convincing the world outside that Freemasonry really practices what it pre-

sumes to teach, *viz.*, true neighborliness, or fraternity in action.

The entire address was read with keen pleasure and much profit.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $19,060.93.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 8817, a net gain of 629 during the year.

We again refer to the fact that, so far as our knowledge extends, Chapter No. 1, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, is the largest in the United States, or perhaps in the world.

The historical address of M. E. Companion ALBERT L. ANTHONY is the choicest record of Masonic history that has come to our desk. We congratulate the Grand Chapter of Rhole Island not only upon their honorable record through the past, but upon their loyalty to the Fraternity in that troublesome period when it was threatened with legal suppression.

This address shall be carefully laid up for future reference, when we shall avail ourselves of its information by making use of the interesting historical facts of early Masonic activities. Our thanks and compliments are herewith extended to M. E. Companion ANTHONY for endless research necessary and for the effort expended in producing his incomparable address.

The Grand High Priest, in closing the Grand Chapter, announced it as his purpose to close this meeting as the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island for the historical reason that the first annual meeting was held May 12, 1798.

Norris H. Abbott, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was held in the Masonic Temple, Saskatoon, on Wednesday, February 20, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, at ten o'clock A. M. by M. E. Companion Charles H. Crandon, Grand Z, assisted by his Grand Officers and the requisite number of Companions from the constituent Chapters.

We appreciate the distinction of being assigned the duty of reviewing the proceedings of this, the latest Grand Chapter to be launched into the great Capitular stream, with every bright prospect of a successful future.

The preliminary Convocation that resulted in the formation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Regina, Saskatchewan, on Tuesday, June 12, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453, with M. E. Companion R. H. SPENCER in the station of Grand Z. At this Convocation Grand Officers were elected and installed to serve until the annual Convocation was held.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the Organization Convocation of June 12, 1923, the Grand Z presented his address.

A perusal of his report shows that during the eight months over which he has labored Royal Arch Masonry has shown great activity in the matter of receiving petitions and conferring degrees. Dispensations have been issued for the erection of three new Chapters. Nine visitations were made to constituent Chapters, and five dispensations were granted for cause.

We desire to express our hearty approval of the Grand Z upon his attitude in the matter of advancing candidates from grade to grade without first showing some knowledge of and proficiency in what they have already received. There has never seemed to the reviewer any just reason why Chapter Masons should not undergo the same discipline in the way of becoming familiar with the ritual before they are worthy of further advancement as is required of candidates in Symbolic Masonry.

Report of Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $1516.67.

Grand Secretary reports that all Chapters have made their annual returns, which speaks well for their promptness and loyalty to their obligation. Membership December 31, 1923, 2522, a net increase of thirty-five.

Reports of Grand Superintendents show that in every Chapter degrees are being conferred frequently and skillfully, and that every evidence of zeal for the betterment of the Royal Art is being manifest. The best wishes of Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masons and their kindest fraternal greetings are now and always will be with the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan.

M. E. Companion JAMES MCCAULEY, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion F. B. REILLY, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

SCOTLAND.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland met in Annual Convocation in Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Friday, March 21, 1924.

Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form* by M. E. Companion JOHN SIME, Deputy Grand Z.

Right Honorable Lord MUSKBERRY, Grand King of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland, was introduced and fraternally welcomed to a seat on the dais.

A telegram of congratulation was read from Lord CASSILLIS, Most Excellent First Grand Principal, who was absent on account of important matters of concern to Grand Chapter.

The Grand Office bearers were then installed into office by Companion JOHN SIME, Immediate Past Deputy First Grand Principal.

The Festival of the Vernal Equinox was then celebrated in the Banquet Hall, at which 150 Companions were present.

Toasts were responded to in a most felicitous manner, and many interesting facts of civil, political and Masonic activities were discussed. The last toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, hoping to meet again," having been duly honored, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," followed by the singing of the National Anthem, brought the Convocation to a close.

Lord CASSILLIS, Grand Z.

GEORGE A. HOWELL, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred Thirteenth Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina assembled at the Highland Park Hotel, Aiken, South Carolina, April 8, 1924, at 12 M.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by Companion WILLIAM W. WANNAMAKER, Grand High Priest.

There were present eight Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from thirty-six of the forty-four constituent Chapters.

After the Committee on Credentials and Returns made their report the Grand High Priest read his address.

He says that "the year just closed has been uneventful," from which we infer that Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina has not been disturbed by any unusual incident to detract the attention of the Companions of South Carolina from the specific work and study of Capitular Masonry. Further on he says:

> "We are no longer content with the pleasing impression of superficial beauty and outward perfectness, but would penetrate the soul, which is the eternal, the steadfast, the universal."

The reviewer is very strongly of the opinion that more attention should be given to the enlightenment of less informed Brethren upon the plan, purpose

and object of Capitular Masonry. There exists among Freemasons generally, and among Royal Arch Masons in particular, an unsatisfied hunger to know more and more about the things that the ritual does not tell them. We are enthusiastic for the ritual, but we are equally as zealous to find "the soul"—the meaning of it all—as Grand High Priest WANNAMAKER so well says.

More than two pages of the address was devoted to the recent unpleasantness with the Grand Chapter of Texas, which is now happily healed and should be forgotten.

The labor and pleasure of reviewing the proceedings of Grand Chapters of other Jurisdictions has brought to our notice the stress that in many of them is being laid upon the degree of Most Excellent Master Mason. South Carolina has followed in the pathway, or perhaps has led the way, in calling together a number of Chapters for the purpose of conferring this degree "in full ceremonial form."

We of Pennsylvania are ignorant as to just what is meant by "full ceremonial form." We know only one "form" of ritual for conferring this degree. We are of the opinion that the degree of Most Excellent Master Mason is the very heart of the Capitular system. Without it the degree of Royal Arch Mason cannot be fully grasped. When its significance is once understood its beauty becomes most appealing. Therefore, the emphasis that is being placed

upon this degree must be of incalculable benefit to Capitular Masonry everywhere.

One new Chapter was constituted, and two dispensations were granted for forming new Chapters, all of which shows a healthy growth and an increasing interest in Capitular Masonry within the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a present membership of 6536, a net increase during the year of 156.

Pennsylvania received four full pages in the Review of Proceedings.

We assure Companion MICHIE that we are honored to sit at the same Round Table with so versatile and skillful a reviewer, and trust that somewhere, sometime, we may enjoy the pleasure of a personal exchange of courtesies.

WILLIAM W. WANNAMAKER, Grand High Priest.

O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, at Lead, Thursday, June 12, 1924, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Cyrus B. Warne, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and all the officers of Grand Chapter were present, save two, *viz.,* Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Master of the Third Vail.

A constitutional number of Chapters was found to be present when the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, assisted by the Grand Officers and Companions present, opened the Grand Chapter in *Ample Form.* Prayer by the Grand Chaplain. The beautiful selection, "The Rose of Sharon," was sung.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his address of welcome. Its vein was a happy one, and the wording was of poetic beauty. We quote a few lines:

"We meet here in the richest hundred miles of square of these grand United States, amid the hills and pines of this beautiful section, where the handiwork of God in all its rare beauty seems to welcome us on this wonderful June day."

The richness here claimed is a surprise to us in Pennsylvania, for we always supposed that a radius of seventy-five miles, with Pittsburgh as the center, was the richest area of its size in these United States.

Of the new ritual he said:

"I am pleased to report that the new ritual is gaining in popularity, and that the Companions are beginning to realize its wonderful possibilities and its great superiority over the old ritual, to be gained by a diligent study and a real application of the new work."

He constituted one Chapter at Sisseton.

Fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Texas were restored January 10, 1924.

He divided the State into twelve Districts, and appointed twelve District Deputy Grand High Priests to preside over them, in accordance with the new Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest visited many, if not all, of the Chapters in South Dakota, following up the work of his predecessor, who strove to get started the new ritual of the Mark and Past Degrees by requesting work to be done in the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees. He received cordial greetings and marked attention everywhere. His Grand Visitations must bear fruit in the future. While he was generous in his praise where deserving work was done, he did not fail to censure when the work was slighted or poorly done. One Chapter he reports needs help from its Past High Priests. Of two other Chapters he states:

"Candidates are scarce, and unfair competition by *degree peddlers* is hurting this Chapter, whose members live in the shadow of the temple of the offenders."

Of another Chapter he speaks:

"A home talent minstrel show appeared to be more of an attraction than the good of the Chapter."

At a meeting of another Chapter he says:

"A real honest Masonic banquet was served at 6.30 by the Companions themselves, and the luncheon served at midnight marked 'The End of a Perfect Day.'"

He had a delightful and wonderful experience at Kadoka, on his visit to Joppa Chapter, No. 52, Saturday, May 3. We now quote from his report:

"The following day, Sunday, under the personal escort of our zealous Companion GRANGER, I visited the Bad Lands. This is a wonderful treat when accompanied by one who knows every inch of these marvels of nature. After a trip through Cottonwood Canyon, we came back half way and met the Companions of the Chapter and enjoyed a picnic dinner. After dinner all the Companions repaired to the highest flat Butte in that part of the Bad Lands, taking their Chapter paraphernalia with them, and there, in God's great out-of-doors, amid the erosions of centuries, with the landmarks of the Great Artificer of the Universe on every side, we opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Never had there been a setting so grand, and never did the Great Teacher seem so near. After a prayer and several speeches, the hill was christened the 'Cy Warne Royal Arch Butte,' and it will be so labeled. The Chapter was then closed and we returned to town."

He continually speaks of the Chapter having "caught the spirit," or, "I hope they will get the inspiration." He no doubt realizes, as many thinking Masons do, that our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and Consistories are lacking in the true Masonic and Fraternal spirit of past history.

Near the close of his address he gave a quotation on proficiency in Masonry, which should be in the hands of every Royal Arch Mason. We do not have here the room to print it, or it would be done.

In conclusion, he recommends that the Chapters in each District arrange for visitations among themselves, the officers of each Chapter exemplifying the degrees in the Chapter rooms of their neighboring Companions. This is one of the best means to promote true Masonic spirit and harmony among neighboring Chapters.

This concludes the report of this Grand Chapter meeting, one that we read with unusual interest, as the spirit of M. E. Grand High Priest CYRUS B. WARNE seemed to permeate every paragraph of his report. He seemed to feel what is lacking in what might be termed modern Freemasonry, or Masonry of today, and to urge the renewal of the spirit that animated and encouraged our ancient Brethren. The spirit he has is what is wanted, and we wish there were many more like him.

JOSEPH STANTON, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Watertown, South Dakota.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

E. E., JR.

TENNESSEE, 1924.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in Nashville, beginning on Monday, January 28, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454, at 9 A. M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, CHARLES H. BYRN, and all the Grand Officers occupied their separate stations and places. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-eight Past High Priests honored the Grand Chapter with their presence. Like the preceding year, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania had no Representative—at least it was not

published. Eighty-six Chapters were represented; four were not represented.

There being present the representatives of a constitutional number of Chapters, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee was opened in *Ample Form,* after singing "America," and after prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Then followed the Grand High Priest, M. E. Charles H. Byrn's, address, which properly acknowledged his gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe in being permitted to assemble in Grand Chapter, and for the blessings heaped upon its members during the past year.

His tribute to the fraternal dead was both touching and appropriate, reflecting the true love of a Mason for his fellows.

It seems he made a promise to Grand Chapter a year previous to visit every Chapter in the Jurisdiction, and he now states he fulfilled that promise. This must have entailed a lot of time and labor, and should be a benefit to Capitular Masonry in Tennessee.

We all like to see a man who "does things," and the balance of his report will show that he was in every sense a "doer."

He constituted seven Chapters during the year, and a most interesting feature was that he and Grand Secretary Companion STITH M. CAIN were elected honorary members of five of them.

October 29, 1923, was a day set apart by the General Grand Chapter to celebrate its one hundred and twenty-sixth birthday, to hold Chapter meetings and secure as many candidates as possible. M. E. Grand High Priest BYRN did his part to make the movement a success. The results were not tabulated, and do not appear in the proceedings.

The Texas trouble appeared to worry the Grand High Priest, but, happily, was settled to the satisfaction of all.

He filled the important station of Treasurer, made vacant by the death of Past Grand High Priest Companion N. S. WOODWARD, by appointing Past Grand High Priest CHARLES COMSTOCK to fill the unexpired term.

He granted seventeen dispensations, and did much courtesy work for sister Jurisdictions in the way of conferring the degrees.

Jurisdictional lines seemed to have given him some anxiety, but, happily, his diplomatic mind caused them all to cease.

He succeeded in squelching an application of a law firm who had applied for registration of Royal Arch as their trade-mark.

He introduced a By-law to compel a High Priest-elect to have the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him under the direction of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, etc.

This is in such a contrast to the mode of procedure in Pennsylvania that it excited no little interest in the mind of the reviewer.

He recommended ten standing committees to conduct the business of Grand Chapter; also, to restore the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, which was abolished by Grand Chapter in 1919.

These recommendations, however, were not sustained by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The recapitulation of the year's work shows:

First.—Peace and harmony restored in all Chapters.

Second.—Six Chapters constituted and officers installed.

Third.—Every Chapter in the State visited.

Fourth.—Two Chapters fully revived.

Fifth.—Six Chapters put on probation last year, all alive and doing work.

Sixth.—Not a Chapter in the State that failed to meet during the year.

Seventh.—The erection and dedication of the Administration Building at the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Eighth.—Made final settlement and invested all the proceeds received from the sale of the Grand Chapter's interest in Freemasons' Hall.

His suggestions and the resolutions he asks the Companions to adopt have the true ring, and if adopted and put in practice the world would be happier and better, and the Companions assured en-

trance through the white vail to the Tabernacle above.

Loving tributes of respect and esteem for two Past Grand High Priests, Companions NATHAN S. WOODWARD and HENRY M. AIKEN, were given. Both were distinguished Masons of the Southland, the latter, Companion AIKEN, being a protege of General ALBERT PIKE.

An appropriation of $50 was made to present Past Grand High Priest JAMES H. MCCLISTER and Mrs. MCCLISTER with flowers on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day.

This was the best action taken by Grand Chapter at this session, for when you reflect on the scandals that appear in the press of modern married life, and then, in contrast, look on this venerable Mason and his estimable wife, who for fifty years have walked before God and man with that uprightness of heart and rectitude of conduct that must bring showers of blessings from everyone who is so fortunate as to know them, you will realize the appropriateness of this action.

The Ways and Means Committee made a number of recommendations, some carrying appropriations for the maintenance and carrying out of provisions of Grand Chapter.

Pennsylvania is given a review of one page in the Correspondent Column. Allow me to say there is no

mystery about Companion ELI EDMUNDSON, JR., and I do not see how his name got in your report. It may have occurred in this way: The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania holds its annual meeting and election in December; Tennessee in February. In December, 1922, a new Grand High Priest was elected, and sometime during the spring of 1923 Companion EDMUNDSON was requested to take a position on the staff of correspondents, which he did, and his first production appeared in the proceedings of 1923 of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. You can be assured, dear Companion SHORT, he is no veiled prophet, nor is there anything mysterious about him, except his Freemasonry, which is common to us all. On the contrary, he is a good, hearty and healthy American citizen, enthusiastic for Freemasonry and bubbling over with love of the Craft.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was a most interesting one—the Grand High Priest full of enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry and the Counselors wise in their decisions and recommendations. What more could be wanted?

M. E. JOHN G. GREER, Grand High Priest, London.

M. E. STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

E. E., JR.

TEXAS.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas convened at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Waco, Monday, December 3, 1923, at ten o'clock A. M., and was opened in *Ample Form,* led in devotion by WALTER GRIFFITH as Grand Chaplain.

Companion D. N. CUSHING, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported seventeen Grand Officers, seventeen Grand Representatives, 106 Past High Priests and 132 representatives of chartered Chapters present.

There was no Grand Representative for Pennsylvania present.

Companion J. A. GARTLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, then made his address to Grand Chapter. After acknowledging the manifold blessings they had received from the Great I Am, he starts in to make his report.

He regrets to report that Capitular Masonry in Texas has not been harmonious with sister Grand Jurisdictions during the past year, due to the action taken by this Grand Chapter at its last annual Convocation in granting a charter to Mexico City Chapter.

We quote:

"During the year, owing to the depressed financial condition throughout the State, the Chapters have not been as active or prosperous as formerly; in fact, many of them have done no work at all. However, we are able to report that there has been a substantial gain in membership."

He constituted five new Chapters and restored one, and dispensations for new Chapters were granted to five. He also issued dispensations to twelve Chapters to resume labor, they having forfeited their right to meet by reason of failure to hold a stated or called Convocation for three successive months. He also granted dispensations to nine Chapters to elect and install officers. He granted dispensations to seven Chapters to move into a new hall in the same town, and one dispensation to elect a High Priest, the High Priest-elect removing to another Jurisdiction.

A great amount of courtesy work was done at the request of other Grand Jurisdictions.

A number of decisions were rendered during the year by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Most of them, however, could have been decided by the High Priests of the subordinate Chapters making the appeals. A study of the Constitution and laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter would lighten the burden of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest recommended the law which has been in force in Pennsylvania, of compelling a candidate to adopt a mark before he re-

ceives the Royal Arch degree. It works all right in Pennsylvania, and should do the same in Texas.

In concluding his address, he said:

"The world can judge Freemasonry by the scope of its principles and teachings, and by its fruits. Its fundamental principles are belief in one God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, redemption, immortality and the resurrection of the body. It is based likewise on the broadest principles of toleration and the recognition of the glorious truth of the universal Brotherhood of Man, founded on the eternal truth of the Fatherhood of God. It is opposed to tyranny in every form in Church and State. It discountenances vice and exalts and emphasizes virtue. Its universality is apparent in its extending its benefits to the men of all nationalities and religions, and it includes in its grand design for good the family, society, nation and race at large. In its teachings it employs the facts of nature and of history with grandeur, and yet with a simplicity which is truly striking. Its mission and its duty is to show that the essence of love is self-sacrificing and to this end it inculcates tenderness in ministrations, inspires ennobling aspirations, intensifies loyalty in friendships and stimulates truth and honor in all the relations of life. It invokes and deepens the sentiment of good will to all mankind."

The Grand Secretary's report showed eighty-five Chapters lost in membership over the preceding year. One Chapter exalted 137, one 107, one 102, one 87 and one 84. There was an increase during the year of 1550, making total membership of Grand Chapter 41,623.

Harmony was restored in the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Home for Aged Masons ends as follows:

"Again we extend a fraternal invitation to every Mason in the State of Texas to visit the Home and see what is being done for the comfort

and happiness of those of your Brothers and Sisters who in the decline of life by misfortune or otherwise have been deprived of that dearest of all places, home. You cannot visit this home and see what is being done by Masons without being proud of the fact that you are a Mason and that you are contributing to this great work. Should you hear any complaints against the management of the Home don't repeat them, but visit the Home and investigate for yourself, and if after an investigation you think the complaint is justified, bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Directors, and it will have prompt attention.''

Masons of Pennsylvania could well have this paragraph laid before them.

Peace was established between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter of the United States mainly by the efforts of M. E. Grand High Priest J. A. Gartland.

The Proceedings, or, rather, transactions of the Grand Chapter of Texas is quite a large volume, owing to their publishing a list of the members of the subordinate Chapters.

There was no report by the Committee on Correspondence, being interrupted by edict of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. William F. Kuhn. We presume, however, that when the next Proceedings is published the usual correspondence will be printed.

Companion Sam J. Helm, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Corsicana.

Companion T. M. Bartley, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Waco.

E. E., Jr.

UTAH.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah convened in its Thirteenth Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on Wednesday, May 23, 1924, at ten A. M.

M. E. Companion WARREN BENJAMIN, Grand High Priest, called the Convocation to order, and the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form.*

After the opening services, the following Companions were admitted: Excellent Companion FREDERICK C. SCHRAMM, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Utah and Nevada; Right Eminent DANIEL KONOLD, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah; M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States.

The address of welcome by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was poetical and highly descriptive of the natural beauties of Utah, the courage and sturdiness of its inhabitants, and the warm welcome of Royal Arch Masons.

M. E. Companion KUHN, in replying, expressed his appreciation of his welcome, and then branched off into other subjects. Briefly, he said he found bet-

ter work and more enthusiastic Masons in the smaller Chapters; expressed his satisfaction in observing that every year there was more dignity in the manner of conferring the degrees. He then rapped the East over the knuckles, claiming it has become fossilized—has become an ancient landmark, and that there is no progress.

Other Eastern Grand Jurisdictions under the guidance of the General Grand Chapter may be in this class, but Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masonry is in a class of its own. It is not fossilized, effete or non-progressive. In this day and generation it is fulfilling its mission, and, as time rolls by, will, in the fullness of time, bring its work to a successful conclusion.

There was no Representative of Pennsylvania appearing in the list of Grand Representatives as received by the Grand High Priest.

In addressing the Grand Chapter, Companion Warren Benjamin expressed many beautiful thoughts, for instance:

"In this materialistic age, as with science-aided eyes we peer into the star-lit vestibule of the infinite and fail to find a material shape or form of God, we are apt to forget, or even deny, His existence.

"But in the search for Truth, the great object of Masonic study, our labor is rewarded in the Royal Arch degree by the recovery of the Master's word, and we become conscious of the fact that it is the appointed task of Masonry, and particularly Capitular Masonry, to carry forward the torch which shall illumine the dark places of men's souls."

He paid a loving tribute of respect to the memory of President WARREN G. HARDING, and then turned his thoughts to Royal Arch Masonry, saying:

"We as members of this great organization can do much in harmonizing influences by living the teachings of our Order, by our words and actions; discharging our duties conscientiously to our God, our Government and our neighbor. These are the basic fundamentals which encourage mankind and attract men to our Order who will be of such a quality, always ready and willing to appropriate its ideals, that for ages has given it the power and stamina it possesses, and whose foundation is so deep its walls shall never totter, but endure until the end of time."

He made many visitations to the subordinate Chapters, awakened interest and created enthusiasm in every Chapter visited.

He granted four dispensations, and exchanged many courtesies of sister Grand Jurisdictions, appointed six Grand Representatives for six Grand Jurisdictions, but Pennsylvania was not among the number.

In conclusion, he paid high tribute to the Grand Secretary for the valuable aid and assistance given him.

Total membership, 1142, a gain of fifty-eight.

A short review of Pennsylvania for 1922 appeared in the Correspondence Column; also for the year 1923.

Companion GEORGE W. LYNCH, Grand High Priest.

Companion WALTER DANIELS, Grand Secretary.

Companion WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, Correspondent.

E. E., JR.

VERMONT.

The One Hundred Seventh Annual Convention of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Burlington, at nine o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, the tenth day of June, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

The Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. ALLEN D. BALL, Grand High Priest, in *Ample Form,* with the assistance of the Grand Officers.

All the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Sentinel.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

No. of Chapters represented 22.	
No. of Chapter Representatives	41
No. of Grand Officers present	15
No. of Past Grand Officers present	7
No. of Past High Priests present	11
Total roll	74

M. E. ALLEN D. BALL, Grand High Priest, then addressed Grand Chapter. His address is such a beau-

tiful piece of English composition, and so replete in Masonic wisdom, that we quote in part:

"Time in its rapid flight has added another year to those already past, and we are again brought together in annual Convocation to exchange our fraternal greeting, consider the work of the year and take such action for the future as shall insure the continual prosperity and usefulness of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction. I greet you most cordially upon assembling in this our One Hundred Seventh Annual Convocation, and as in happy reunion we are assembled in this beautiful Queen City on the shores of Lake Champlain, world-renowned for its scenic beauty, let us lay aside the cares and anxieties of daily pursuits, the troubles and toils of busy life, and give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings with which He has crowned our labors since last we met, and supplicate His favor and guidance in the discharge of the duties that await us.

"The true destiny of man is to grow in intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence, and Masonry, properly understood and administered, aids greatly to accomplish that end. Our duty is to solve and act that the world will be wiser and better, that harmony may prevail, and discord be banished from the land. If we, as Masons, do not meet the requirements and evident aim of the institution, we are tares in the field of human progress, and come short of the promises made when we partook of the Masonic mysteries. How wonderfully incomprehensible, yet true, is the individuality of Freemasonry. The unity of her relations is not disturbed by the telescope of the astronomer or the pick of the geologist. There are no theories to be overturned, and therefore she feels no scientific evolution. Whatever is developed as truth in the triumphal march of civilization shakes not her foundation, while the theories of many institutions after the combat for superiority has ended, crumble into dust."

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Chapter of Texas, January 10, 1924.

Christmas Greetings:

"I received Christmas Greetings from Vermont Commandery, at Windsor; Mt. Calvary Commandery, at Middlebury, and Malta Commandery, at Newport. I acknowledged these at the time and again publicly express my appreciation. I also received many greetings from Companions about the State. I wish to again thank you for these remembrances."

This smacks largely of "Christmas Observance" in the Order of Knights Templar. It is a beautiful custom and should be more generally observed.

No matter was presented to him requiring a decision during the year. This is remarkable, as nearly all Grand High Priests have to contend with the fertile imaginations of their subordinates.

Under the head of "Grievances" he says:

"Peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders. The Chapters, with few exceptions, are in prosperous condition, with an active and zealous membership. No discordant note disturbs the tranquility of our harmonious relations with our sister Grand Jurisdictions. Capitular Masonry grows stronger and better with each succeeding year."

Under the head of "Grand Chapter Committees" he replies to the General Grand High Priest as follows:

"One year ago our Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, WILLIAM F. KUHN, speaking before this Grand Body, expressed the opinion that these committees should be changed somewhat each year. I complied with his suggestion and made one change. I am still of the opinion that change does not always mean progress, but it frequently helps on the road to greater achievement. Permanency of the best is beneficial. Permanency of the inefficient is detrimental.

"New blood with a newer sight and knowledge of growing ways is consequently the requirement of changing times, and while we abide by the old landmarks, we frequently find different needs for applying them, so that I am convinced a frequent change in our committees is most desirable, affording a different viewpoint for beholding the light."

He discusses the subject of Masonic charity in a masterly way. We quote his remarks in full:

"To all conversant with the regulation of the Craft, with the condition of the subordinate Lodges, and with the requirement of dues, it is

apparent that no provision has been made further than the willingness, nay, even the bounden duty of humanity, of each individual member, so far as his ability permits, to take care of those who may be in need. It is a wonderful privilege to do so, and each Lodge has striven to do its best, but too often such help has been doled out with a restraining hand that may make it a humiliating gift, and again too often it has been taken undue advantage of. If we are to enter the larger field, then let us charge enough in days of plenty to prepare for the day of famine.

"But I would call your attention to a still greater need in these uncertain times, in which everyone may share, and so prepare for his declining years, should misfortune overtake his pilgrimage, and one in which he may accept the hospitality, not as a gift, but as his due, and again in which if he need not participate, he has through many years contributed his mite towards his Brother's welfare—that of a Masonic Home. How better could we exemplify the real spirit of Brotherhood, what more tangible evidence of our regard for the infirmities of age, often doubly made sadder by the loss of all kin or relegated to a younger generation, void of sympathy and oppressed by the burden? What more comforting as we travel towards the setting sun, to be assured of a safe haven with those whose kindred feelings can link with ours, and the curtain of night can be drawn by hands of Brotherhood and love? I would ask you to give this your consideration, and wherever the responsibility lies, let us give our assistance."

The conclusion is brief, and sums up the character of a Master Mason as follows:

"I have come to believe that the Companion who has been so fortunate as to fully accept and absorb the spirit of Masonry, is thereby in sympathy with everything that is good and true. He is charitable and merciful in his judgments, he has learned how to make friends and keep them, because he thinks well and not evil of other men; he can look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye; he sees something to love in a little child; he can look out on the world and see something besides dollars and cents; he can look into a puddle by the roadside and see a clear sky, rather than only mud; he can look upward at night and see beyond the stars; and besides all this, he is one who has learned to know that:

"Evil is impotent,
Sorrow a dream,
God is omnipotent,
Love is supreme."

Number of Royal Arch Masons, 1924, 5961, a net gain of seventy-two for the Masonic year.

Companion ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee. There was no mention of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M. E. ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN, Middlebury, Grand High Priest.

R. E. HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

HENRY L. BALLOU, Chairman of Correspondence.

E. E., JR.

VICTORIA.

A Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria was held at Freemason's Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, Wednesday, April 16, 1924.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Ancient and Solemn Form* at 7. 15 P. M., M. E. Companion WILLIAM ALFRED CALLAWAY, Grand Z, presiding, and the other Grand Officers in their respective stations and places.

The address of the Grand Z is short, and reads as follows:

"Companions: With this Convocation I complete my first year as Grand Z, an office which I accepted with misgiving, but which I have endeavored to fill honorably to myself and satisfactorily to the Companions. It is gratifying to note that there has been no visible abatement in the steady progress of the past few years. Indeed, the year just closing has witnessed the largest number of exaltations yet recorded in this territory. I am very hopeful that our Supreme Degree, enshrining (as it does) the very essence of Masonic philosophy and spiritual teaching, is nearing the time when every true Freemason will recognize its necessity in his Masonic education, and when, especially, the Brother who aspires to the higher offices in his Lodge will be expected to complete his esoteric knowledge before attempting to instruct his fellows."

The usual routine business was transacted, and showed progress all along the line.

Companion Paul J. Pontius, of Philadelphia, represents the Grand Chapter of Victoria in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companion John Adcok, Melbourne, represents Pennsylvania in the Grand Chapter of Victoria.

Membership, December 31, 1923, 2874, a net gain of 432 during the year.

The following is a good exposition of Freemasonry and is an extract from address delivered by Companion A. T. Holden, C. B. E., P. G. Z., entitled 'Freemasonry and Its Relation to the Community," delivered before Grand Chapter October 13, 1923:

"As an organization Freemasonry assumes no public functions. It is not sectarian, though its ceremonies are religious. It has no party political creed, though it inculcates loyalty to constituted authority and respect for law and order. It is a Brotherhood whose strength lies in the uprightness of character and in the congeniality of temperament of those who constitute its membership, and whose safeguard is in the fact that only

those are admitted who reverence its ideals and whose integrity of character is inspired by a sincere belief in a Supreme Being to whom we are accountable and in whom we put our trust. Its sphere of influence is within itself, its obligations are confined to its members. It claims nothing from the outside world, and does not interfere in the ordinary concerns of the community. It is not a combatant organization. Freemasonry is the friend of all, the enemy of none.''

R. E. Companion William Alfred Callaway, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion John E. Kennedy, Grand Scribe.

E. E., Jr.

VIRGINIA, 1923.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia convened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday evening, October 23, A. L. 5923, A. I. 2453, A. D. 1923, at eight o'clock, when, after prayer by Companion F. T. McFaden, D. D., Grand Chaplain, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Solemn Form* by M. E. Grand High Priest James C. Greenlay.

All of the Grand Officers were in their stations and places. Forty-five representatives of subordinate Chapters were present, leaving twenty-five Chapters not represented. Ten District Deputy Grand High Priests were present, nine failing to answer the roll call. Of Past High Priests there were many, and eight Past Grand High Priests graced the Convocation.

The introductory remarks of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest gave thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and a welcome to the Companions assembled.

Eight dispensations were granted and two were refused.

On July 28 R. E. W. Frank Bowden was appointed High Priest *pro tempore* of John Walters Royal Arch Chapter, No. 68, all the stationed officers being absent or unable to serve. This is a new Chapter and had no High Priest, as provided for in Section 124 of the fifth edition of the Digest. So unusual an occurrence as this should be noted, as it is out of the ordinary.

Schools of Instruction are flourishing in Virginia, and the results obtained were so satisfactory that the Grand High Priest recommended that a suitable appropriation be made for their maintenance during the coming year.

He made one decision, *viz.:*

"Warren Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, asked for a decision as to the status of a Master Mason wishing to petition for Chapter degrees who had lost his left hand at the wrist. After a careful investigation by the District Deputy Grand High Priest, I rendered a decision, as follows:

"'As the Brother is a Master Mason in good standing both in his Lodge and in the community, and his disability being in no wise due to any un-Masonic conduct, but clearly an act of providence, his petition could be received, and, if elected, the several Chapter degrees conferred on him.'"

This was approved by the Committee on Grand High Priests' Address.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed a membership of the Grand Body to be 15,746 in 1923, a gain of 1293 during the year.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion JOHN T. COCHRAN, in his report speaks enthusiastically of Capitular Masonry in Virginia. He says in part:

"My visitations have taken me into all sections of the State, and everywhere I found enthusiastic, earnest Companions building, building Royal Arch Masonry.

"Men today are proud to proclaim themselves Royal Arch Masons, and are clamoring not only for a more perfect knowledge of the ritual, but also for a more intimate acquaintance with its history and symbolism. Again, I notice the high state of proficiency on the part of the officers compels and inspires a corresponding regard for the sublime teachings of the ritual, and the degrees are now being conferred with that proper dignity and decorum which they so justly deserve. The work in the Virginia Chapters is now being favorably commented upon by visitors from other Jurisdictions, and this gratifying condition should awaken pride in our present officers and serve as an incentive to the newly-elected officers to emulate and perpetuate their good work and record."

His remarks on attractive Lodge rooms is worthy of reprint, and here it is:

"All of our Chapters have prospered greatly in a material way during the past few years, and where Chapter rooms have become dingy and carpets worn, I have urged that money is well spent in redecorating the walls and laying fresh carpets. Visitors are quick to note an unattractive Lodge room. Although our Chapter rooms occupy a different field from that of the church or movie theater, it should be no less clean and inviting. Besides, our buildings and Lodge rooms should give some regard to beauty, not only from the standpoint of making it a worthy temple to whom it is dedicated, but also from that of the value of esthetic surroundings as an aid to put the members and candidates into a responsive frame of mind to make the most of the sublime truths revealed in the conferring of degrees. It is against human nature to rise to its height amid dismal surroundings, and it is but common sense that our Chapter rooms should be fitting. No beautiful temple is erected in vain. Even to those who may not enter—who may see it merely in passing—it has the effect of an in-

spiring picture. It helps the cause of Masonry just as a fine governmental building gives a good impression of a nation or State. No dingy or unattractive room creates a good impression.''

Permission was refused Petersburg Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7, to sponsor and direct a Chapter of the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

Pennsylvania is reviewed in a two-page article and is very well edited. The reviewer, Companion Joseph W. Eggleston, comments on the refusal of a Virginia Mason's examination in a Pennsylvania Lodge for the reason he admitted being a member of the Eastern Star.

It seems to the writer that the Pennsylvania Brother was seeking to display his authority without any reason, precedent or instruction from Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, who issued the edict against membership in the Order of Eastern Star, and it is not to be supposed that Grand Master Sell intended his edict to apply to Masons of other Jurisdictions. Sometimes a man has to pray to be delivered out of the hands of his friends.

M. E. J. J. Mattern, Grand High Priest, Richmond.

R. E. J. Gus Hankins, Grand Secretary, Richmond.

R. E. Jos. W. Eggleston, Fraternal Correspondent, Richmond.

E. E., Jr.

WASHINGTON.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington convened in Fortieth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Bremerton, Washington, on Monday, May 5, 1924, and was called to order by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, CAREY S. HAYNES, at the hour of nine o'clock A. M.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, Companion LEWIS A. BENDER, on behalf of Olympus Chapter, No. 27, made a wonderful address of welcome to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the members of Grand Chapter. Even in cold print his words had a world of spirit in them, and his definition of the word "Welcome" was broad and expressive, to say the least. The members of Grand Chapter must have felt that they were indeed welcome at the conclusion of his address.

Companion ALBERT HELANDER, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Washington, and Eminent Sir WALTER E. CARTER, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Washington, were received with appropriate honors and introduced to the Grand Chapter.

Companion FRANK MCCANDLESS represented Pennsylvania in this Grand Chapter.

The address of M. E. Grand High Priest CAREY SCOTT HAYNES was a resume of his doings through

the Masonic year, and was full and complete, and showed great activity on the part of the Grand Officers. On account of sickness of his sister he was called out of the State, and turned over the affairs of Grand Chapter to the Deputy Grand High Priest, E. Companion S. S. Endslow.

Like every other well-organized institution, the business of the Grand Chapter proceeded without interruption.

The reports of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary all showed the Grand Chapter to be in a highly prosperous condition. Present membership, 8520, a net gain of 738, was made during the year.

The address of the Grand Orator was so able a one that it was ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Orator started out by apologizing for himself, and wondering why he was appointed, etc. After reading his address, it was very clear to the reader why he was appointed. Listen to what he has to say in the following two paragraphs:

"We are here upon the threshold of so-called 'Higher Masonry.' The novitiates look to these bodies—some as a matter of money to attain, some as a matter of association with men of quality and character. But, are we so absolutely certain that we convey to the mind of the candidate the fact that in these degrees we are only trying to so elaborate and explain Masonry as to indelibly impress the marvelous truths and profound lessons he has already received? Too often we meet the man, decorated with numerous emblems, significant as souvenirs, of the places he has been.

Engage the Brother in Masonic communication. Do we find an abundance of new truths delved from the limitless supply by arduous thinking; or the laconic 'I don't know any Masonry'? Someone has duped an innocent man, else he has been looking for something other than what we have. Having paid the fee to the Shrine and knowing no more than what he confesses, he as surely is duped as the man who has bought fake securities. Just that and no more. He is neither oblong nor square, nor yet of peculiar shape and beauty. He is a rotten pillar under an ancient and honorable institution. He has added nothing; nor could he do so without a knowledge of principles. It is impossible for him to practice Masonry, for no one can practice that which he knows not. He has taken nothing away, for he confesses he knows nothing.

"Has he made suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees? Do we mean the actual commitment of the posting lecture or his general interest in the institution? If the former, it is compulsory. If the latter, we are at fault to admit to the inner chamber those not prepared and inspected, bearing square work and square work only. Let us here begin the rigid inspection that requires that perfection of workmanship, selecting only those as will take an active interest and reflect honor upon the degree he attains. If he knows Masonry, Masonry will know him, and our beloved Fraternity will rise higher in usefulness and in general esteem in the lay mind."

He made another statement:

"Masonry is becoming top heavy. All eyes are focused on the superstructure, and the foundation is neglected."

Towards the conclusion he talked on the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree in a most entertaining and instructive manner.

The address is worthy of being copied in full, and it is a matter of regret that all Companion Royal Arch Masons do not read the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters. If they did they would know more of Freemasonry in a short time than otherwise would accumulate in years.

The Grand Chapter voted an appropriation of $5000, payable to the Treasurer of the Thirty-sixth Triennial Conclave Committee, to help entertain the Knights Templar and Masons at the City of Seattle, July, 1925.

Qualifications of candidates is set forth in the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, That no petition for the Chapter degrees shall be received by any Chapter until the petitioner shall have passed a proficiency examination as required by the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, or unless he shall have been for six months a Master Mason."

which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The report of Companion JAMES MCCORMACK, Special Representative of the Grand High Priest at the laying of the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, November 1, 1923, was an admirable document, full of human emotion, correct description, clear conception of its meaning and importance, veneration for the Ancient and Honorable Institution of Freemasonry and a living hope of its benefit to posterity.

The proceedings throughout was one of unusual interest, and is one to be preserved for future reference.

SAMUEL S. ENDSLOW, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Spokane, Washington.

HENRY L. KENNAN, Excellent Grand Secretary, Spokane, Washington.

E. E., JR.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Fifty-third Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the City of Wheeling, on Monday and Tuesday, the thirteenth and fourteenth days of November, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453. Opening session on the thirteenth at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

All the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, eleven District Deputy Grand Lecturers, representatives of forty-five subordinate Chapters were present at the opening of Grand Chapter; also, thirty Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania apparently had no one to represent her.

Companion PARIS P. LESTER, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, then commenced his address. It was quite a lengthy one, and after greeting and welcoming the Companions present, proceeded with a resume of his work as Grand High Priest for the Masonic year. The divisions made in his address include:

Inter-Jurisdictional Acts.
Degrees conferred by courtesy.
Grand Chapter of Texas.
Requests for recognition by other Grand Chapters.
Discontinuance of Grand Representative.
Reciprocity with Maryland, in which he made special comment.
National Masonic George Washington Memorial Association meeting, February 21, 1923, which he attended.

Proxy.—A proxy was issued M. E. Companion B. A. CARUTHERS to convene the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia in special Convocation for the purpose of installing Companion CARSON B. TRENOR as Grand Principal Sojourner. This duty was performed May 14, 1923.

Requests made for conferring degrees on other Grand Jurisdictions were courteously complied with.

Capitular Masonry in our Jurisdiction: From the reports received, a substantial increase was made in membership, also in wealth. Only thirty-six Chapters reported out of a possible forty-five. It would seem that nine Secretaries need to be disciplined for violation of the law and placing additional work on the Grand Secretary.

Conflict in Jurisdiction.

Dispensations granted.

Dispensations refused.

Decisions.

Proceedings.

Death of Past Grand High Priest TURNER.

Most Excellent Master Masons' degree.

Recommendations.—His recommendations were as follows: First, that an assessment of $2 for each exaltation made by each Chapter in the State, except as a courtesy to a sister Jurisdiction, be paid, with the returns of each Chapter, to the Grand Secretary, and that a portion of said fund be set aside as traveling expenses of the Grand High Priest in visiting the Chapters of this State; second, that the Deputy Lecturers and Inspectors be required to furnish the Grand Lecturer with a written report of the work each has done in his District, the amount the Companions are in arrears for dues to each Chapter, the number of Companions in arrears, and these reports to be published in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter; third, that the edict of this Grand Chapter, with reference to the recording of the mark before exaltation, be rigidly enforced; fourth, a failure to make the annual report on or before October 20th, together with check covering such an amount as may be due the Grand Chapter, shall deprive the Chapter so failing of the right to be represented in the Grand Chapter; and the representatives shall not draw mileage or per diem from the funds of the Grand Chapter for the year of such delinquency.

All of these divisions were ably handled by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and on motion were referred to the proper committees.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved of all his decisions; they disapproved of recommendation No. 1, and approved recommendation No. 4.

Pennsylvania is accorded a page and a half, and the review is ably written. The Grand Representative of West Virginia, whoever he is, was called on the carpet for neglect of duty in the following words:

"The Grand Representative of West Virginia was not present. And right here, don't all agree that when a Companion has been honored with the appointment, he should show his appreciation by attending the Convocations of his Grand Chapter, and, also, communicate with the Grand Chapter he represents, stating such facts as he may deem appropriate? Either take an interest or vacate and permit the honor to go to one who will. There are a few (very few) who do their duty in this respect, so far as those representing this Jurisdiction."

Capitular Masonry in West Virginia seems to be flourishing, and the affairs of Grand Chapter ably handled, all of which we like to see, as we have a warm spot in our hearts for so delightful a neighbor.

Membership, 1923, 11,438.

Samuel Reynolds Holroyd, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Athens.

George M. Ford, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Wheeling.

E. E., Jr.

WISCONSIN.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was opened in *Ample Form* in the Royal Arch Degree in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, corner Van Buren and Oneida Streets, in the City of Milwaukee, on Tuesday afternoon, February 19, 1924, at two o'clock.

All the Grand Officers were in their stations and places.

The address of Companion WILLIAM R. GRAVES, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, welcomed the Companions present, honored the dead of the year, and gave a resume of his official work as Grand High Priest.

There were two Chapters constituted—one at Wautoma and one at Glarus.

The dispensations granted during the year were unimportant.

He made ten decisions, all of which were upheld by the Jurisprudence Committee.

In his report on the Texas edict, he says:

"It might be advisable, however, for this Grand Chapter to state its position on the matter involved in this incident in terms so clear that there can be no doubt in the future as to what its position is and no misunderstanding concerning it. A careful study of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter and the edicts made in conformity therewith seems to clearly establish two fundamental principles of Capitular law adhered to

by this Grand Chapter. They are: First, that the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin is the supreme authority on Capitular law and usage within its Jurisdiction, and, second, that the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin is the final and highest authority to determine when and with what bodies it shall establish and maintain fraternal relations and to determine when and under what circumstances and conditions such fraternal relations shall be severed or withheld by it.''

The Committee on Jurisprudence subsequently reported as follows:

''With reference to the remarks of the Grand High Priest in connection with the Texas edict, we concur in the views as expressed by him, and reassert the position of the Grand Chapter that the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin is the supreme authority on Capitular law and usage within its Jurisdiction, and has sole control of its fraternal relations.''

He gives two pages to the Wisconsin Masonic Home and its grand work.

In conclusion he said:

''There are those among us who feel that Masonry as an organization should actively engage in the controversies of the world, battling for the things it believes to be right. With these I cannot agree. Taking active part as an organization, its motives would be wilfully misrepresented, misunderstood and the very purpose of its intervention destroyed. Internal dissensions born of individual differences of opinion would weaken the fabric of the structure itself. Masonry, teaching and inculcating in its members a knowledge of its great truths and the duties which a Companion owes to himself, his fellows and his Creator, imbuing men with its ideals, preparing them as individuals to take their places and do their part as individuals in the great work of rehabilitating the world, that is the mission of Freemasonry.''

Pennsylvania is given a page in the review of Grand Chapters.

Membership, January 1, 1924, 22,361. Net gain during year 1923, 1404.

Companion B. F. KEELER, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Companion WILLIAM W. PERRY, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Companion SAMUEL WRIGHT, Committee on Correspondence.

E. E., JR.

WYOMING, 1924.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming met in Sixteenth Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, Douglas, Wyoming, on Thursday, July 10, A. D. 1924, at nine o'clock A. M., Companion HUDSON W. DARRAH, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, presiding.

E. Companion E. L. C. SCHNEIDER, High Priest of Natural Bridge Chapter, No. 12, the local Chapter, acting as host to the Grand Body, was recognized and delivered a most cordial address of welcome on behalf of his Chapter, the allied Masonic bodies and the citizens of Douglas, in which the dominant note was one of cordial hospitality and appreciation of the honor of entertaining the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter, assuring them that the entertainment begun on the previous day, in which they were joint guests of the Grand Commandery in some of its social functions, would be continued until the close of the Grand Convocation.

This was responded to by Companion ELMER A. KELL, in a most felicitous manner.

The roll of Grand Representatives was then called, but Pennsylvania did not appear to be represented.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then delivered the annual address to Grand Chapter.

Charters were issued to Lincoln Chapter, No. 15, and Greybull Chapter, No. 16, and were duly constituted.

He granted a number of dispensations and concluded as follows:

"With reference to the powers of the Grand High Priest, there are diversified views. I do not feel that I have exceeded my authority in granting of dispensations due to the nature of the circumstances surrounding these acts; because the best interests of the Royal Craft were served in all instances. With reference to Gillette Chapter, U. D., which would have been greatly hampered without a dispensation to waive the time limit, the Grand Chapter has gained a Chapter of which Wyoming can well be proud. We realize that

"Virtue becomes a vice by being misapplied,
And vice becomes a virtue by action dignified.

"Life consists in meeting exigencies as they arise with decision. That is what the Grand High Priest is for, bearing ever the good of the Order at heart."

Fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Texas were restored during the year, on which the Grand High Priest made report.

He made a number of Grand Visitations to the subordinate Chapters of his Grand Jurisdiction. In

every instance he was hospitably received and duly welcomed, good fellowship prevailing at all times and in all places.

After reading the report of these Grand Visitations and the good accomplished for the Craft, and good times experienced by the Companions, the writer would be content to be a Most Excellent Grand High Priest for a Masonic year.

The Grand Secretary's report was interesting, but like reports from other Grand Jurisdictions, showed a falling off in petitions and admissions, the net gain being eighty-seven for 1924, as against 122 for the year 1923. Total membership at the end of the Masonic year, 2128.

His report on the Library of Grand Chapter is exhaustive, and his recommendations are good. The co-operation of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar is delightful and commendable, as should ever distinguish Freemasons, either as individuals or societies.

The actions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest were approved by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

Upon motion duly carried, the Grand High Priest was authorized and requested to appoint a committee of two members of the Grand Chapter to confer with like committees that may be appointed by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar and Wyo-

ming Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., for the purpose of conferring upon the subject of the too-rapid advancement of Master Masons to the higher degrees, with directions to report the result at the next Annual Convocation, in accordance with which the Grand High Priest named such committee, Companions Louis A. Reed and John A. Whiting.

This is a step in the right direction, and is for the good of the Craft. We hope for good results from this committee.

Pennsylvania is given better than a two-page report by Companion Repath, which report was very exhaustive. We have some queer customs in Pennsylvania that are sometimes confusing to other Jurisdictions not of the York Rite, but when explained or understood excite no further wonder. "Making a Royal Arch Mason at Sight" is one of them. Companion Repath is a good analyst, and well versed in Capitular Masonry. His all too flattering remarks are appreciated by the writer, especially as it was his maiden effort as a reviewer for the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companion Darrah, Most Excellent Grand High Priest that was, had a very pleasant year, and, judging from the published report, of great value to Capitular Masonry in Wyoming. Success is not to be measured by numbers, but by the spirit he is able to inject into the Chapters, and the fraternalism he is able to awake in the breasts of the Companions.

The portrait of Companion DARRAH graces the first page of the Proceedings and shows a very good-looking man, indeed. A short sketch of his life is printed on the opposite page, showing him to be full-blooded American, a patriot and an enthusiastic Mason. The sketch concludes with the following paragraph:

"The opinions of one so prominent Masonically upon the vital problems of the day are always interesting, and being asked for an expression of his views thereon, stated that, briefly, they were: 'Just laws and their enforcement for the protection of society, personal liberty protected by law, equal rights, staunch support of the public schools and the advancement and betterment of American homes.'"

Hail and Farewell, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Wyoming, 1924.

Companion NEIL DAVID NELSON, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Companion RICHARD H. REPATH, Righ Excellent Grand Secretary, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Companion RICHARD H. REPATH, Committee on Correspondence.

E. E., JR.

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1924.

Year	First Grand Chief	Second Grand Chief	Third Grand Chief	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith				
1797	"	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1798	Jonathan B. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	John Thomson
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	"
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1892	"	"	"	"	"
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	"	"
1894	"	"	"	"	Charles Cary
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	Edward B. Spencer	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"
1914	"	"	"	"	Stockton Bates
1915	Porter W. Lowry	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	"	"
1916	"	"	"	"	George B. Wells
1917	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	"	"
1918	"	"	"	"	"
1919	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	"
1920	"	"	"	"	"
1921	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	George P. Darrow	"	"
1922	"	"	"	"	"
1923	John M. Core,	George P. Darrow,	Walton K. Swetland,	"	"
1924	"	"	"	"	Joseph E. Quinby

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1924.

Its Chapters, Place and Time of Meeting, and Secretaries.

No.	Name	Constituted in	Place of Meeting	Time of Meeting	Name and Address of Secretary
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	N. Frank Matter, Harrisburg
43		1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	Robert J. Spratt, Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Victor L. Clark, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	Edward W. Roderick, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Robert H. Gilgore, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	John W. Codding, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Frederick P. Glasser, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	Charles L. Keister, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William S. Conwell, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Hollidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Cammeron G. Griffith, Hollidaysburg
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edwin C. McComb, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	Thomas M. Sener, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Second Monday	Fred M. Brown, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Charles W. Clement, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Arthur W. Gillan, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	First Friday	Alex. L. Oliver, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Charles S. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk

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182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	Allan C. Brooks, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	George H. Banes, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	Jacob A. Frantz, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	Joseph S. Waream, Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Frank T. Young, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Joseph M. Howe, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	H. Walton Wood, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	Second Tuesday	Walter C. Green, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday	Weber A. Arter, Greensburg
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tioga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City	1859	Pottsville	Second Monday	Harry E. Greager, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phœnix	1861	Phœnixville	Second Saturday	Edwin H. McAllister, Phœnixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Monday	Claude S. Wolfe, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	Perrie G. Wood, Corry
201	Standing Stone	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	John A. Baker, Pocopson
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne	1866	Honesdale	Second Thursday	Edward A. Lindsay, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Second Wednesday	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	Victor Bucher, Pleasantville
208	Germantown	1866	Germantown,Phila.	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg	Second Monday	Samuel E. Basehore, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Frederic C. Day, Hallstead
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	F. Chester Moyer, Franklin
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Frank D. Pressler, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Arthur Davenport, Dorranceton
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Justin P. Slocum, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	James R. Schmid, Bethlehem

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217	Allegheny	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Pittsburgh
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	Albert Rhodomoyer, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	Augustus B. Schadel, Ashland
220	Fort Washington	1868	Fort Washington	First Tuesday	John K. Earnest, Ambler
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	First Wednesday	Norman C. Smith, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Second Wednesday	Alfred M. Wilson, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	Third Tuesday	William A. Kelly, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila.	Third Wednesday	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	James L. Summerson, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	William Patterson, Ridgway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Robert A. Smith, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Wednesday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	J. Harrison Campbell, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Harry F. Cogswell, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	First Monday	Wm. L. Koch, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Second Friday	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	First Monday	Joshua S. Whitmore, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	Bruce A. McCracken, Danville
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	Arthur H. Sloop, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	George H. Allen, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Fourth Tuesday	J. Eugene Doll, Abington
246	Warrior Run	1874	Watsontown	Second Tuesday	Ward W. Welsh, Watsontown
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	Samuel Sigler, Philadelphia

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251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	Charles W. Kaiser, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Second Thursday	Edward F. Snyder, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Second Tuesday	J. William Johnson, Wrights
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	William E. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	J. Milton Lutz, Up. Darby Br., Phila
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Wesley R. Morgan, Chester
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Joseph A. Grow, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	First Tuesday	Benj. S. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Clarence H. Handwork, Haverford
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Harry W. Nelson, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	Frank B. Fisler, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	Third Monday	Charles L. Gridley, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Charles W. Myers, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Third Thursday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Albert S. Barr, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Friday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Second Tuesday	Walter M. Carwithen, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William H. Miller, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square	First Tuesday	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	Ira H. Spencer, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	John S. Matchette, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Frederick Kime, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	Jesse I. Penney, Ingram
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	David J. Griffiths, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Third Tuesday	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville

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284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Frank H. Letterman, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Lewis Snodgrass, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	Second Friday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	Andrew Ebenhoch, Monessen
291	Ezra	1909	South Bethlehem	First Friday	Frank P. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	Peter N. Snyder, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Second Friday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Howell P. Williams, McDonald
295	Siegfried	1913	Northampton	Third Tuesday	George P. Stem, Northampton
296	Zebulun	1913	Blossburg	Second Wednesday	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood	1913	Pittsburgh	Second Thursday	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh
298	Milton	1914	Milton	Second Friday	Harry A. Eberhart, Milton
299	Bellefield	1915	Pittsburgh	Third Tuesday	Charles L. Hannan, Pittsburgh
300	Coraopolis	1915	Coraopolis	Third Monday	W. Elmer Cain, Coraopolis
301	Lansdale	1915	Lansdale	Third Monday	Leroy K. Tyson, Lansdale
302	Jordan	1916	Allentown	First Tuesday	Preston J. Everett, Allentown
303	Braddock's Field	1917	Braddock	First Monday	Oscar L. Grove, Braddock
304	Yorktown	1917	York	Second Thursday after 1st Mon.	Harry K. Weiser, York
305	St. Clair	1920	Dormont	Second Thursday	Willard A. Laning, Pittsburgh
306	Homestead	1920	Homestead	Second Thursday	Samuel L. Himes, Homestead Park
307	Apollo	1920	Philadelphia	First Friday	William McCombs, Philadelphia
308	Ivanhoe	1921	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Wm. P. Wallace, Jr., Philadelphia
309	Thos. B. Anderson	1923	Latrobe	Third Friday	Samuel B. Reyburn, Latrobe
310	Hanover	1923	Hanover	Third Tuesday	Calvin J. Bange, Hanover
311	Wm. B. Meredith	1924	New Kensington	Third Friday	Walter B. Llewellyn, Tarentum

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214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Ralph H. Weand, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Peter H. Brower, Philadelphia

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1924.

No.	Name.	Membership 1923	Marked	Admitted	Restored	Died	Resigned	Susp.	Ceased	Memb'r'p 1924
3	Jerusalem	1199	25	..	2	23	12	14	..	1177
21	Perseverance	633	15	1	5	12	2	8	1	631
43		456	19	2	3	9	3	..	1	467
52	Harmony	1352	36	3	1	39	6	5	..	1342
91	Columbia	1678	44	1	1	22	5	..	..	1697
150	Washington	442	8	..	..	3	1	..	1	445
152	Reading	286	6	1	5	8	1	10	..	279
159	Schuylkill	59	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	58
161	Union	236	16	..	..	5	1	..	..	246
162	Zerubbabel	1418	43	..	4	25	12	13	..	1415
163	Lafayette	363	13	..	..	3	3	1	..	369
164	Brownsville	239	19	..	..	1	2	..	..	255
165	Union	299	5	1	..	5	1	..	..	299
166	Mount Moriah	146	6	..	2	4	..	..	..	150
167	Eureka	324	10	1	..	3	1	..	..	331
169	Philadelphia	295	8	1	..	6	3	7	..	288
170	Delta	396	18	..	26	9	3	3	..	425
171	St. John's	192	8	..	..	1	1	1	..	197
172	Temple	150	6	..	1	2	..	7	1	147
173	Easton	561	58	..	1	7	1	3	..	609
174	Northumberland	250	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	252
175	Keystone	1051	48	2	2	17	16	2	..	1068

176	George Washington	209	19	..	..	1	..	..	..	227
177	Tamaqua	134	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	134
178	Catawissa	90	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	87
179	Eureka	294	19	..	2	5	1	1	..	308
180	Warren	114	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	122
181	Lilly	226	8	..	..	3	..	..	..	231
182	Shekinah	822	203	2	4	8	1	6	..	1016
183	Oriental	1776	29	4	2	55	8	26	..	1722
185	Lackawanna	848	48	2	1	13	1	10	..	875
186	Lewistown	160	5	..	..	2	1	..	..	162
187	Oriental	130	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	131
189	Mountain	613	24	..	..	8	..	1	..	628
190	Norristown	568	17	2	..	17	1	2	..	567
191	Solomon	225	8	..	..	3	1	..	..	229
192	Urania	486	59	1	1	6	..	2	..	539
193	Duquesne	1029	24	..	..	20	7	3	..	1023
194	Tyoga	118	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	122
195	Portage	608	32	2	..	9	..	3	..	630
196	Mountain City	244	30	1	..	4	5	..	..	266
197	Weidle	300	5	1	..	4	..	2	..	300
198	Phoenix	289	12	..	..	4	1	1	..	295
199	Howell	409	24	..	..	3	2	1	..	427
200	Columbus	103	11	..	..	1	1	..	..	112
201	Standing Stone	135	12	..	..	4	..	..	..	143
202	Howell	288	7	1	..	6	1	1	..	288
203	Allen	741	26	..	..	19	6	16	..	726
204	Anthony Wayne	202	10	..	..	4	..	..	..	208
205	Factoryville	133	23	..	1	1	..	..	..	156
206	Harmony	300	5	..	..	5	3	..	..	297

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207	Aaron	118	8	..	..	1	1	2	..	122
208	Germantown	658	52	..	2	6	2	4	..	700
209	Samuel C. Perkins	84	2	..	..	4	1	..	..	81
210	Great Bend	55	6	1	1	1	..	2	..	60
211	Venango	310	7	1	2	12	1	1	..	306
212	Mound	248	2	..	..	5	3	..	..	242
214	Valley	131	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	134
215	Temple	567	43	4	1	10	2	2	..	601
216	Zinzendorf	253	10	..	..	1	1	1	..	260
217	Allegheny	924	31	..	..	15	7	1	..	932
218	Bloomsburg	159	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	154
219	Griscom	167	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	168
220	Fort Washington	133	10	1	..	1	2	1	..	140
221	Tremont	81	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	86
222	Lycoming	772	23	1	..	11	5	3	..	777
223	Oxford	164	15	..	..	4	..	..	..	175
224	Corinthian	197	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	197
225	Jefferson	341	16	..	..	8	1	..	..	348
226	Siloam	666	37	5	..	8	..	..	..	700
227	Emporium	115	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	119
228	Clearfield	383	16	1	..	5	..	21	..	374
230	Elk	263	8	..	1	3	..	5	..	264
232	St. John	636	46	..	6	8	1	8	..	671
233	Kensington	677	16	..	1	13	5	..	..	676
234	Media	216	6	..	..	5	1	3	..	213
235	Occidental	238	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	242

236	Oil City	286	10	..	6	4	1	3	..	294
237	Excelsior	600	31	1	1	12	3	7	..	611
238	Newport	106	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	103
239	Danville	124	3	2	..	1	1	1	..	126
240	Palestine	912	31	2	..	14	3	7	..	921
241	Bellefonte	221	25	..	..	2	1	2	..	241
242	Pittston	375	27	..	3	7	1	8	..	389
243	T. B. Freeman	1114	33	4	..	24	1	5	..	1121
244	Norman	346	10	..	4	2	1	6	..	351
245	Abington	293	34	1	..	3	..	4	..	321
246	Warrior Run	218	5	..	..	2	2	1	..	218
247	Orient	360	17	1	..	6	7	..	..	365
248	Temple	502	35	..	3	10	2	8	..	520
249	Monongahela	328	23	..	2	2	..	..	..	351
250	Corinthian	503	27	..	..	5	3	7	..	515
251	Signet	543	60	6	..	7	1	8	..	593
252	Mizpah	140	13	..	..	2	..	2	..	149
254	Arnold	60	5	..	..	1	..	1	..	63
255	Bedford	147	10	..	..	3	..	..	..	154
256	University	2339	35	3	3	23	14	33	..	2310
257	Shiloh	716	24	..	2	10	11	1	..	720
258	Chester	519	15	1	..	13	1	6	..	515
259	Eden	200	9	..	..	2	1	..	..	206
260	Bradford	302	10	1	..	6	3	4	..	300
261	Troy	129	10	..	..	3	..	..	..	136
262	Montgomery	485	23	1	..	5	3	3	..	498
263	Coudersport	81	26	2	..	3	1	1	..	104
264	Shamokin	283	19	..	..	4	..	..	..	298

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265	Westfield	81	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	83
266	Good Samaritan	205	10	..	1	2	5	3	..	206
267	Coatesville	320	20	..	..	2	1	2	..	335
268	Pittsburgh	767	24	1	..	9	5	13	..	765
269	Ulysses	63	8	..	..	1	1	..	..	69
270	Doylestown	253	12	1	..	4	..	..	..	262
271	Pottstown	357	33	..	..	3	1	..	..	386
272	Hebron	181	16	1	..	2	..	1	..	195
273	Butler	406	12	..	..	10	..	..	..	408
274	Bangor	146	4	..	..	2	..	2	..	146
275	Kennett	155	15	..	..	5	1	..	..	164
276	Susquehanna	92	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	90
277	Hazleton	271	8	..	6	3	..	5	..	277
278	Catasauqua	182	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	183
279	Kane	149	11	..	2	1	..	1	..	160
280	Cyrus	621	38	2	..	9	2	4	..	646
281	Monroe	195	10	..	..	4	1	..	..	200
282	McKeesport	868	49	..	..	7	3	3	..	904
283	Connellsville	286	20	..	..	2	..	..	..	304
284	Melita	1208	61	2	2	17	7	16	..	1233
285	Wilkinsburg	585	38	..	1	3	2	3	..	616
286	Bellevue	420	23	1	..	6	1	..	..	437
287	Nanticoke	45	9	..	1	1	..	..	..	54
288	Mizpeh	328	17	..	..	1	1	4	..	339
289	Valley	251	11	..	..	3	2	2	..	255
290	Monessen	292	4	..	1	3	1	..	..	293

291	Ezra	254	9	..	..	1	1	..	..	261
292	Slatington	119	9	..	..	2	..	..	..	126
293	Amity	224	5	..	..	4	..	9	..	216
294	Darius	147	10	..	2	1	2	1	..	155
295	Siegfried	180	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	192
296	Zebulun	93	10	..	..	..	1	1	..	101
297	Homewood	464	24	..	..	1	3	6	..	478
298	Milton	143	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	147
299	Bellefield	354	22	..	1	4	2	..	..	371
300	Coraopolis	182	21	..	..	2	..	1	..	200
301	Lansdale	195	23	1	..	1	..	3	..	215
302	Jordan	329	27	1	..	1	..	5	..	351
303	Braddocks Field	144	9	..	..	1	2	..	..	150
304	Yorktown	569	32	2	..	3	2	..	..	598
305	St. Clair	280	27	..	..	1	1	..	..	305
306	Homestead	176	9	1	..	1	..	..	..	185
307	Appollo	273	23	2	..	5	..	4	..	289
308	Ivanhoe	110	17	..	..	1	1	2	..	123
309	Thomas B. Anderson	58	51	4	..	..	..	..	..	113
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